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German Unity Trauma Taxes East (and West)

Three Years After the Berlin Wall. Economy's Rebound Elusive as Ever

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

DUISBURG, Germany - More than three years after the initial cuphoria over reunification, Germans are beginning to discover that they have to build a new country not only in the formerly Communist East, but also in the industrial West, requiring new ways of thinking and more sacrifice than they

Those in the West learned quickly that absorbing East Germany establed more than Many workers at the giant Thyssen steel enlarging and enriching the old Federal Reworks in this port and manufacturing city in the West have long been sullen and resentful my is finding that the world after the Cold-War is a more harshly competitive place than it was before.

For many West Germans, the biggest shock is the discovery that the forces that made their country the richest welfare state in. Europe and made its economy the Continent's most powerful can no longer guarantee the annual raises and increases in leisure time and the social security that they took for granted for decades.

Nowhere is the shock more dramatic than in the Ruhr, where recession and inexpensive imports have thrown the steel industry, long the core of the region's prosperity, into crisis.

In the Ruhr, whose sinews of coal and steel

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used to power the German industrial economy, some of the economic and social problems might have struck, as they did in the American "Rust Belt" a decade earlier, even if the Berlin Wall had not fallen. Like other countries, Germany is affected by competition in high-quality manufacturing and tech-nology from East Asia, but since 1989 it has suddenly had a highly trained, low-wage work force just across its own border, in

over the prospect of sacrificing living stan-dards so that their less fortunate counterparts in East Germany could improve theirs.

They worsed about the influx of foreign asylum-seekers and a wave of rightist viorules for admitting foreign refugees were tightened, and their numbers have dropped, as have those of right-wing attacks.

Today, with more than 3.5 million Germans out of work and no sign that memployends, many workers here seem more worried about losing their jobs to global economic

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U.S. Role in Europe Shrinks In Wake of Yugoslav War

By William Drozdiak and Daniel Williams

Although it has failed to end the war, Western policy in Bosnia-Herzegovina has brought about an important shift in the relationship the United States has with its key allies in Western Europe. For the first time since World War II, Europeans have asserted primacy over Washington in the handling of a key regional con-

The United States continues to lead its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies in the con-struction of a new relection with Russia, But the refusal of two successive U.S. administrations to counit ground troops to the former Yugoslavia reflects what is seen both in Washngton and on the Continent as a U.S. retreat

The surge of Russian nationalism, as shown by the rise of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky's rightist party in the Dec. 12 elections, is likely to thwart full U.S. withdrawal. The United States is still seen as the ultimate guarantor against resurgent imperialism by the world's second nuclear pow-

"Russia is the key factor; all others are extraneous," a senior State Department official said. But the new threat of ethnic warfare in Europe demonstrates a divergence of interests for allies who, as long as the Soviet Union existed,

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Kidnappers Flee With \$10 Million

MINERALNIYE VODY, Russia (AP) - Four masked kidnappers fled with \$10 million in ransom after landing their ex-

plosive-packed military helicopter and freeing its captive pilots on Sunday.

The ftar-Tass news agency reported that the gummen abandoned the aircraft in a suburb of Makhachkala, on the Caspian Sea, the capital of Russia's semi-autono-

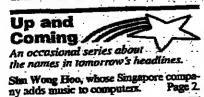
mous republic of Dagestan.

The terrorists left the helicopter and escaped in an unknown direction," it said.
"An active search for the criminals was launched." Earlier Sunday, the ganmen freed three hostages held since Thursday and took off from the airport at Mineralniye Vody, a mineral springs resort.

7 Die in Philippines Attack MANILA (AP) - Unidentified at-

tackers burled three grenades into a Roman Catholic cathedral packed with worshippers on Sunday, killing seven people and wounding about 130 others. The attack was at the San Pedro Cathe-

dral in Davao City, the largest city on Mindanao island in the southern Philippines. Five people were killed in a similar attack at the cathedral in 1981.



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For the first time since World War II, the United States did not take the lead in handling a Continental security crisis. The fragmenta-tion of Yngoslavia was seen in Washington as a problem that should be resolved by the Europe-

an Community.

Many Enropeans perceive Washington's re-luctance to send even a symbolic contingent to join the 10,000 European troops in the former Yugoslavia as part of a growing American reli-cance to become involved in any conflict not directly affecting its national interests.

The Chinon presidency at first signaled a illingness to roll back Serbian aggressors in Bosnia. But President Bill Clinton's reluctance to send ground troops undermined U.S. leverage with the Europeans. In the end, the administration allowed European leaders to block a Chinton plan to arm Bosnia's Mushims and use

cinton plan to arm Bosna's Musimus and use air strikes against the Serbs, and has twice gone along with European-backed peace plans that Washington initially opposed.

Now, even though NATO has prepared, in painstaking detail, a blueprint to enforce an eventual peace agreement in Bosnia, U.S. diplomats acknowledge that it seems highly unlikely that the United States will discort helf of the that the United States will dispatch half of the

50,000 soldiers necessary to carry out the NATO plan, as Washington initially promised.

Some European diplomats in Washington say the NATO summit meeting early next month in Brussels ought to take up the next stage of peacekeeping in Bosnia. The diplomats say Emope should seek a new commitment from Mr. Clinton that U.S. troops will participate in implementing any peace agreement. But after debacks involving U.S. forces in Somalia and Haiti, American officials say it would take a sustained public relations effort by Mr. Clinton to convince Congress and the public of the wisdom of sending troops to the Balkans.

losteed, the Clinton administration is exits new plan to build pan-European security, called the Partnership for Peace. The proposal would encourage military ties, joint exercises and planning among NATO, the former Warsaw Pact countries and the former Soviet republics without extending NATO protection to

Although the plan is likely to be endorsed, it has not weakened the new belief among U.S. allies that Washington is ceding its dominant security role. The Europeans point to events such as the recent complaint by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher that American policy had been "too Eurocentric" in the past and that future initiatives should be more focused on Asia.

Mr. Christopher's insistence at a recent NATO meeting on the need to secure a global trade deal provided further evidence to the Europeans that the Clinton administration places a higher priority on U.S. economic interests than on Continental security questions. The Europeans, meanwhile, are embarking on a new imitiative to prevent future Yugoslavias from exploding. France will host a Europe-

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Security guards taking photographs Sunday before Mao's portrait in Tiananmen Square.

China Gingerly Celebrates The Centennial of Mao

New York Times Service

BEIJING - Ten thousand Communist Pary members and their guests filed into the Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square on of Mao Zedong's birth.

The centennial was a sensitive milestone for China's next generation of rulers as they try to erect a political edifice featuring Mao's image as the revolutionary founder of Communist China on the same level reserved for Deng Xiaoping, the current paramount leader, who ignited China's economic boom 15 years ago.

When Mr. Deng came to power in 1978, he was widely regarded as having rescued China from more than two decades of Mao's political

purges and social angineering that cost the lives of tens of millions of Chinese. For the two Chinese Communist titans to share quarters in ment, or so many Chinese believe.

munist Party rule, President Jiang Zemin stood before a huge portrait of the party founder and bonded the histories of Mao and Mr. Deng, It was the culmination of some artful historical revisionism that has been taking shape for sev-

Absent from the hall was Mr. Deng, the 89year-old Chinese patriarch, who 15 years ago succeeded Mao as paramount leader and who is

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North Korea Likely To Have Developed Own Atomic Bomb. **CIA Tells President**

By Stephen Engelberg and Michael R. Gordon

Cribune

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency has told President Bill Clinton that North Korea has probably developed one or two nuclear bombs, administration officials

The classified assessment - supported by virtually all intelligence agencies but disputed by the State Department's analysts — deepens the administration's dilemma as it tries to fulfill Mr. Clinton's pledge that "North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb."

If confirmed, North Korea's nuclear status would have significant implications for Asian stability. Many American officials say they fear it would touch off an arms race in the region and push Japan to develop atomic weapons. Some officials contend that the administration is playing down the recently completed

intelligence study because it calls into question the effectiveness of its diplomatic efforts to persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear But other senior administration policymakers question the assertions, arguing they repre-

The CIA believes Libya, Iraq, North Korea and Iran could develop missiles. Page 3.

sent a "worst case" analysis that is based not on conclusive proof but on estimates about the amount of plutonium the North Koreans could have produced and assessments on the pace of

their program.
"What the intelligence community is saying is that the horse is already out of the barn," one official said. "It's too late.

Asked about the new assessment, Clinton administration officials said they were still determined to pursue diplomacy to prevent North Korea from producing more plutonium for tu-clear weapons, or, if the study proves correct, to force the country to relinquish its bombs.

Pentagon officials have said that the option of a preemptive strike against North Korea's nuclear installations is not an attractive one, because it would risk a war and American intelligence does not know where Pyongyang has hidden its plutonium or bomb.

The comprehensive review of Pyongyang's nuclear program represents the collective judg-ment of United States intelligence agencies and was presented to Mr. Clinton and senior White House officials in recent weeks. Defense Secretary Les Aspin and Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have alluded to the report's conclusions, but with more ambiguity than the document itself.

The document, called a National Intelligence Estimate, says there is a "better than even" chance that North Korea already bas a nuclear bomb and holds out little hope that the Clinton government's nuclear program. It argues that diplomatic efforts or economic sanctions, a next step contemplated by some officials, are even prompt an attack by the North Koreans

against the South. Most of the intelligence analysts agree that North Korea is investing significant amounts of cash in a program to obtain plutonium, develop the high-explosive trigger needed for a nuclear

detonation and build a medium-range missile. The study estimates that North Korea could have extracted as much as 12 kilograms of plutonium (about 26 pounds), which would be enough under optimum conditions for two

American officials also said they had detected craters near the nuclear site at Yongbyon

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China Opposes **UN Sanctions** On Pyongyang

By Steven Mufson

BEIJING - Prime Minister Li Peng said Sunday that China opposed economic sanctions to compel North Korea to acnuclear facilities, the Xinhua news agency

The Chinese position could set up a conflict in the UN Security Council should the Clinton administration decide to seek UN sanctions in an effort to force the inspections on North Korea, which officials at the United Nations and in Washington fear may be seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

Both China and the United States are permanent members of the Security Council with veto power over council resolu-

Mr. Li spelled out the Chinese position in talks with the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, who arrived in Beijing on Sunday from North Korea.

For several months, North Korea has refused to permit inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency at two sites the United States suspects are being used to process nuclear materials. A diplomat in Beijing close to both

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Swiss Case Tests Clinton Policy On Plutonium

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The first test of the

Chinton administration's new policy on nuclear proliferation and the use of plutonium has come from an unlikely country: Switzerland. The Swiss are seeking U.S. government permission to ship used commercial nuclear fuel to a new plant in Britain, where the fuel's plutonium content would be extracted and returned to Switzerland for commercial use.

Switzerland needs U.S. permission because the fuel originated in the United States, which as a condition of providing it retained the right to approve subsequent uses.

President Bill Clinton has expressed strong opposition to the spread of plutonium - the main ingredient of nuclear warheads -into the world's civilian economy, but he has also declined to interfere with such traffic between friendly nations.

In the Swiss case, several House Democrats have called on Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary to block the shipment and have also appealed to the federal Arms Control and Disarmament Agency to issue a public assessment tion might create.

Mrs. O'Leary said last week that she would decide the issue after Christmas vacation. She said her telephone "has been ringing off the hook" with calls from opponents of the Swiss

Plutonium, a byproduct of the irradiation of uranium reactor fuel, is extracted from used fuel by a chemical process. Once separated, it is a volatile, highly toxic material. As little as 15 pounds can make a crude nuclear bomb, according to weapons scientists.

With the world facing a glut of plutonium from dismantled nuclear warheads, Mr. Clinton has called for an international ban on the

But to avoid offending France, Britain, Japroduction of plutonium as as a commercial energy source, he has declined to seek a similar ban on reprocessing of commercial fuel. President George Bush followed a similar course last year, declining to block a shipment of plutonium from France to Japan.

Nonproliferation watchdogs and government weapons scientists, however, argue that there is no effective distinction between military and commercial plutonium.

FLOOD CLEANUP IN COLOGNE - A Cologne restaurateur washing mad away as Rhine River floodwaters receded Sunday Cleanups were under way in the Netherlands and Belgium, too, after torrential rains caused the worst flooding in decades. Page 2

American Indians Finding Good Fortune in Casinos

By Francis X. Clines

New York Times Service
MILWAUKEE — The con artist was
tracked by the Indians across a half-dozen reservations, their ceiling television cameras zooming in on her hands as she played at blackjack tables and coolly cheated tribal

casinos cut of \$3,900 a sitting.
"In the old days, the tribes never got together on anything this way," said Roger Miller, a Mohican who is security director for the Potawatomi tribe's bingo and casmo hall here and the founder of Wisconsin's new Indian Gaming Intelligence Association, which covers 11 tribes and 17 casinos.

"It was divide and conquer," he said. "But with gaming, we're experiencing the same growing pams and lack of expertise, and so we help each other out now." These are, indeed, new days of casino for-

tune for Indians, and the television tapes

finally exposed the blackjack player's

It was a closed-TV system spying from her purse through a tiny, unobtrusive lens. It was tied into a van parked out in the casino lot in which her conspirators counted the cards being dealt face up and instantly radioed back discreet betting instructions. The con artist was arrested, and a security bulletin

was dispatched to all the tribes. "It sounds crazy to go to all that trouble, but there's an awful lot of money out here now," Mr. Miller said, summarizing the attraction and risk in the booming new world of Indian casino gambling that is prompting a parallel revolution in tribal cooperation and

As Donald Trump and other envious competitors predict the tribes will run afoul of corruption because of their inexperience, the leadership of Indian gaming is taking a variety of steps to defend their economic wind-

With 170 casinos opening in the last five years, by a federal count, and many more being planned, tribes are building safeguards against both corrupt management and the ever-more ingenious assaults of the same predators who work the tables and slot machines at Las Vegas and Atlantic City, New

A range of wariness can be found in the sinos, from the latest electronic sophistication to the sort of fledgling naiveté in man-agement that marks any business rush. But the huge success of Indian casinos like Foxwoods in Ledyard, Connecticut, a veritable revenue machine that has become the

most lucrative gambling hall in the nation in less than two years, is the reigning inspiration There, Richard (Skip) Hayward, the Ma-

shantucket Pequot chief regarded now as a casino genius, took care to hire as his chief executive and integrity expert G. Michael Brown, the former director of New Jersey's

Mr. Brown, a former prosecutor who built a reputation in forcing Atlantic City casinos to cut their underworld sies, has eased back from the absolute sovereignty so dear to other tribes and instead invited full on-site cooper-ation with state and federal law-enforcement

In setting an example for other tribes, Foxwoods, like most big casinos, does not hesitate to arrest a gambler or employee openly, on the casino floor, once documented evidence is in hand. The showy arrest is valued as a reassurance to the public and a

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Humanizing Computers: Making a New Business Sing

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Music is a link to Sim Wong Hon's past, and it tells much about his present and

The 10th of 12 children growing up in a poor family in Singapore, he longed to learn to play the piano. But his mother, who was widowed when Wong Hoo was 13, could not afford such a luxury. So be had to settle for a harmonica.

"As a result," be says, "f understand music for the masses, and that's 99 percent of the market."

An electronic designer and entrepreneur, Mr. Sim has been largely responsible for adding mu-

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sic to computers and creating a mass market for the product. Creative Technology Ltd., the Singapore-based multinational that he heads as chairman and chief executive officer, has cap-tured more than 55 percent of the global market with its Sound Blaster family of products, which bring stereo-quality sound, including music, to personal com-puters. Sound Blaster kits have been a mega-hit with players of computer games.

"Computers should not be doing just the boring numbercrunching and word processing." Mr. Sim feels. "I want to make them more human.

Alone and in collaboration with such leading computer companies as International Business Machines Corp. and Digital Equip-ment Corp. of the United States and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. of Japan, Creative Technology is working to incorporate sound, video, graphics, text, ani-mation and enormous encyclopedic memory capacity into one convenient, low-cost computer

revolutionize oot only entertainment but also the way people learn and conduct business

For example, Creative Technology already markets video addons for PCs that enable them to display live video or television broadcasts on part of the screen while performing other tasks.

The company and one of its branches in California are developing a relatively low-cost videophone system that will allow people to use their computers to simultaneously exchange data. watch and talk to each other over

"We are betting very hard on the future of collaborative, long-distance computing," Mr. Sim said, because it will save business people large amounts of time, travel and money.

Multimedia technology also will bring major benefits to educa-tion. By adding another dimension to the oumeric and verbal power of computers, he continued. "We will have a totally new way of learning that is very engaging and much more absorbing than just reading from a book." Education, like music, is one of Mr. Sim's passions. He is an un-conventional product of his country's education system: Unlike most successful and prominent Singaporeans, he is not a universi-ty graduate. He has a diploma in electrical and electronics engi-

Ann Polytechnic. The education system in Singa-ore, in the words of Ho Kwon Ping, president of the Wah-Chang group of regional companies, "rewards technical competence over

neering from Singapore's Ngee

creative, independent thinking." Singaporean children are so scared of failing or performing poorly in school, Mr. Ho says, that they have become masters of that peculiarly Singapore trait of taking little risk and playing safe" to pass exams and then, in working life, meet "whatever they think are people's expectations of

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Sim Wong Hoo: Not just the boring old number-crunching.

Mr. Sim's recommendation: Give people more freedom of thought, provoke them, make them think more, from primary school to secondary, tertiary, all

the way, and outside." His company's products could have a role in this, and some are already in Singapore schools.

Discussing this, he says: "We

will be able to get the best teachers in the world to cootribute their best ideas, then replicate them by the millions on compact computer

Everybody loves music." Mr. Sim said. "It has no cultural barn-In 1986, with a small group of

Singaporean engineers at Creative Technology, be designed and built a computer in six months that had a range of multimedia features and a Chineso language, as well as English-language, operating and talking system.

"It was the most versatile PC in the world at the time," he said. But it was a commercial flop. It was too far ahead of its time. However, I knew that our technology had reached world standard." Instead of giving up, he sought markets for individuals bits of the

technology that had been assembled for the computer. The andio technology was an

"We found we could make the same profit margin for a sound board as we could for one of our PCs." Mr. Sim said.

His skill in developing and selling computer sound technology was a "stroke of pure genius," said Searmis Phan, marketing manager for ACS Computer Pre., a Singapore compenior. The guys at Creative did a wonderful job of creating a market where none ex-

In August 1992, to raise its profile in its main market, the United States, and \$60 million for expansion. Creative was listed on the Nasdaq over-the-counter ex-change alongside such computer heavyweights as Microsoft, Lotus and Apple. Its offer of 5 million shares at \$12 each was heavily oversubscribed.

Today, Creative Technology stock trades at about \$27, which values the company at \$1.3 bil-lion. Mr. Sim founded it in 1981 with start-up capital of about

Since he holds 29,4 percent of the firm's equity, his fortune, on paper at least, is \$336 million. But Mr. Sim, a 38-year-old bachelor, shows little of the inter-

sound as they play games or work est that many other Singaporeans at the keyboard. est that many other Singaporeans display in the material goods and display in the material goods and Status that money can buy.
Uotil early this year, he lived

with his elderly mother and a brother in public housing. Now he has his own apartment, which harbors his collection of 15 harmonicas, 10 electronic organs and 4 pianos. Not long ago, he ca-changed his battered Japanese car for a luxury model.

Work occupies most of Mr. Sim's waking hours, usually starting early in the morning and end-ing late at night. He divides his time mainly between Singapore and the United States, the two places where most of Creative Technology's 1,400 staff work.

He used to be an avid mountaineer, but these days he seldom has time even to play the harmoni-ca. "What is relaxing?" he asks. "I sleep and, if I can, I have a brisk walk for 30 minutes once a week."

While Mr. Sim is the visionary leader of Creative Technology, he relies heavily on two Singaporean co-founders, who are also close friends in managing a company that is noted for its manufacturing efficiency and distribution skills as well as for innovation. Between them, they control just over 65 percent of the firm's stock.

More than 3 million units of Sound Blaster computer add-ons lave been sold, mainly in the United States, Output is running at about 300,000 a month.

Earlier this year, Mr. Sim was named Singapore's 1992 Business-man of the Year. Presenting the award, Lee Knan Yew, Singa-pore's senior minister, said that if Singapore was to continue to prosper it must build an external economy by investing abroad, something best done by private

"Somehow we must establish a better entrepreneurial culture so that in time we will throw up enough entrepreneurs to join the present few we have who can take apore Inc. abroad," Mr. Lee said. Mr. Sim is clearly among the vanguard in that mission.

WORLD BRIEFS

4 Police Officers Are Killed in Egypt

CAIRO (NYT) - Gunner shot and folled four policemen on Sunday in southern Egypt, a region of the country that has become virtually a battleground between Muslim fundamentalists and Egyptian security

It was one of highest daily tolls recorded in the region, after a clash on Dec. 19 in which nine police officials and four Muslim militants were killed in one battle. In the last 21 months, 230 people have been killed,

mostly in southern Egypt.

The killings on Sunday took place after security forces rounded up scores of militants after the Dec. 19 attack, including 25 students at Assist University who were said to have participated in acts of violence against the police and citizens menaced for cooperating with the authori-

Charity Offices Attacked in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) - A Muslim group's threat to shoot anyone trying to spread Christianity was followed by grenade attacks at the offices of Western charities during the Christmas holiday weekend, a

United Nations official said Sunday. Two Somali guards were wounded when attackers threw grenades into Catholic Relief Services buildings in the southern city of Baidos on Christmas Eve. UN officials said they did not know how serious the

Nobody was wounded in a similar Christmas Eve incident at the Baidoa offices of the Irish aid organization Goal Ireland. "The indications are that it may have been a protest of the Christian celebrations at Christmas," said Major Tim McDavitt, a UN military spokesman.

Early Vote Seen as Unlikely in Japan

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japan's coalition government will try to avoid calling early elections despite legislative stalemates over crucial policies and legislation, Deputy Prime Minister Tsutomu Hara said Sunday. But Mr. Hats, who is also foreign minister, said the government had not completely ruled out early elections. "With the economy in a difficult fix, we want to avoid elections at all costs." Mr. Hata, a powerful coalition figure, said in a broadcast debute. "We don't compl out dissolving parliament, but at this point we want to avoid such a

Talk of early elections is rife as Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa and his fractious coalition appear unable to agree on tax reform and other measures to stimulate spending and improve the economy. Compounding problems is lack of progress in Mr. Hosokawa's efforts to push through political reform legislation, which includes overhauling the electoral system and anti-corruption laws.

A New Truce Is Called in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — After nearly two months of ferocious fighting, rival Afghan factions agreed Sunday to a cease-fire, although few people

A spokesman for Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said the cease fire agreement had been reached at a cabinet meeting Studay. Even as the truce was announced, rockets rained down on the capital for the second day in a row, killing at least two people and wounding several others. Three other cease tire agreements have been broken in the last two

Fighting between forces of Mr. Hekmatyar and those loyal to President modim Rabbani has been centered in Tagab, 60 kilometers (37 miles) north of Kabul or a critical supply route to the capital, and in Sarohi, 50 kilometers to the east, the site of a hydroelectric dam. Mr. Hekmatyar's spokesman said the two factions had agreed to let the Interior Ministry disarm their forces, handle security in the capital and protect the dam. ..

Marlene Dietrich's Grave Desecrated

BERLIN (AFP) - Vandals desecrated the grave of Marlene Dietrich here Sunday on the eve of the 92d anniversary of the late actress's bath, the police said. Miss Dietricis, who died on May 6, 1992 in Paris, was buried in Berlin according to her wishes. Some Germans had opposed the move, having never forgiven her for leaving Germany during the Nazi era.

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French Close Coastline to Walkers

BORDEAUX (Reuters) - Anthorities banned strollers from more than 500 kilometers of French Atlantic coastline from southern Brittan to the Spanish coast on Sunday after explosive detonators were found

south of Bordeaux.

The detonators, designed to blast rocks on construction projects, can be lethal if handled. No one has been hint so far. The ban is against walking along the water's edge. Strollers are allowed onto beaches but are

wairing along the water's edge. Substant are anowest that total are advised to be cautious.

Thousands of detonators began washing up on the coasts of Brittany a week ago, apparently part of a cargo of 34,000 detonators spilled by a Cypriot vessel in September.

Police visibility has been increased on the New York City region's three

commuter railroads to ease the minds of travelers in the wake of the fatal shooting Dec. 7 of six people on a Long Island commuter train. The Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad have put more officers on the trains. And New Jersey Transit has ordered officers to be stationed on platforms when trains arrive.

A strike by reliroed workers in Serbia seeking compensation for hyperinflation halted local and international train service throughout the republic on Sunday, a railroad official in Belgrade said.

About 570 people have been hospitalized with beputitis over the past two weeks in the Slovak city of Kosice after eating contaminated meat, the Czech news agency CTK reported Sunday. (AFP)

This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

MONDAY: Anstralia, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Britaio, Canada, Cyprus, Gibrattar, Guyana, Hong Kong, Ioso, Ireland, Kenya, Lesotho, Loxan-bourg, Macao, Malawi, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Vatican City. TUESDAY: Australia, Bermuda, Britain, Canada, Gibraltur, Ireland, New

WEDNESDAY: Ireland, Nepal.

THURSDAY: Omen, Philippines.

FRIDAY: Argentina, Banghadesh, Bimtan, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Gustemala, Kirwait, Llechtenstein, Menico, Pakistan, Peru, Philip-pines, Qatar, Sri Lunka, Sweden, Thailand, Vatican City.

SATURDAY: All countries except: Alghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Libya, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Sandi Arabia, Sti Lanka, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan. Sources: J.P. Morgan, Reuters.

Q&A: Exploring an Iran-Syria Connection to Lockerbie Blast detention facility attached to it. Since the indictments International Air Transport Association in Montreal were issued against the two Libyans, the UN Security concluded that Iran would arrange for a revenge

different paces.

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Flora Swire was one of the 270 people killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, five years ago this month. Since her death, her father, Jim Swire, a British physician, has dedicated much time, as spokesman for the families of the British victims, to discovering who was responsible. He discussed the subject with Barry James of the International Herald Tribune.

the two Libyans accused of planting the bomb fit in? A. I'm oot saying I doo't think the Libyans are guilty. They need to be brought to trial, but it is also evident that they would only be small minnows in a very big pond. I, and the relatives I associate with. want to know who originated the plot, who paid for it

Q. You point the finger of blame at Syria. Where do

Q. Are you happy with the way that United Nations sanctions to force the Libyans to hand over the two men are being carried ont?

A. No, I am oot. The UN says the sanctions shall apply unless and until the two accused are brought to trial in Britain or America. But can you imagine that if two Americans were accused of destroying an airliner over Libya the U.S. administration would agree to extradite them to Libya for trial?

signed by America, Britain and Libya - says this about a nation on whose territory are found people accused of aviation terrorism; that state shall either put them on trial under its own jurisdiction, or hand them over to the nation complaining that a terrorist act has occurred against its assets. Translating this to the Lockerbie situation, it means that [Colonel Moammar] Gadhafi can either put them off trial in Libya or hand them over, neither of which he has chosen to do. But he would be within his rights under that convention to put them on trial in Libya.

Q. You have met the man. Why do you think he's

A. I think his position at home is too weak to give in to Western demands to hand them over. He would pear if he tried.

Q. But would anyone take a Libyan trial seriously? A. Hardly, unless it was a trial to which international jurists were invited and the arrangements were such that the international community believed in its fairoess. But there is another option.

O. What is that? A. In 1988, the International Air Transport Association suggested that an international court be set up to try terrorists, and that it should have an international

the British foreign secretary, asking why a similar for the shooting down. facility can't be set up for the trial of terrorists. I haven't had an answer to that letter, so I can only assume that the West does not in fact want the two Libyans brought to trial.

By using multimedia technol-

ogy, Mr. Son explained, suarrand will be able to navigate through lessons, stop and ask questions, Mr. Son explained, students

interact as a group and learn at

"Or just imagine," be contin-ued, "that you could actually con-

duct your computer so that it

played a piece of music, softer,

Music has been an important

ingredient in the appeal of his

company's products to computer

users who want to listen to stereo

wouldn't that be nice?"

faster, slower. Now

Q. Why do you say that?

A. Because if they were found guilty, we would immediately clamor for those behind them to be identified and prosecuted. If they were found innocent we would ask for the criminal investigation to start again. I don't think either of those alternatives is have any lasting impressions? palatable to the West because it's my belief based on a tine-General Command.

skies would rain blood. I know that experts at the ple."

Council has created an international court to try war attack on an American airliner, the final trigger being criminals from Bosnia, So I wrote to Douglas Hurd, the international failure to chastise the United States

> Q. Why do you think that Western governments are trying to protect Syria? Because of the Middle East peace process?

A. Yes. Some people have said to me, "Don't you think you ought to pipe down, because you might upset the efforts to make peace in the Middle East? My answer to that is that a peace founded on a fallac O. You saw Mr. Gadhafi two years ago. Do you

A. You will remember that he lost his adopted

that this act was planned by the Syrian-based terrorist We were thus able to discuss at the human level the group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Pales-consequences of the indiscriminate use of violence. He ine-General Command.

Q. Do you think it is true that Iran paid the Syrians his daughter in the rather macaine museum they maintain in Tripoli in his wrecked house. He kept his to carry out the bombing?

A. I believe so. After the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by the U.S. cruiser Vincennes in 1988, are still there with a motto in Arabic, "The result of Tehran Radio broadcast a vitriolic warning that the indiscriminate violence is the death of innocent peo-

No Sign of Libyan Dissident

Missing Since Dec. 10, Was He Spirited Back to Tripoli? By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Times Service CAIRO - Just before leaving

Paris for Cairo this month, Mansour Kikhia told his wife that he was worried about a recent vow by the Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, to settle scores with Lihyao opposition members

"He is usually very fatalistic, meeting with people and going to places without taking particular precautions," said Bahaa Omary, the wife of Mr. Kikhia, 63, a former Lihyan foreign minister.

"But this time he really hesitat-ed," she said. "When he got to Cairo he was calling me three or four times a day just to say hello or tell me of things he was bringing Ms. Omary was speaking by tele

shone on the night of Dec. 11, when she alerted friends around the world that her husband had disappeared from his hotel in Mr. Kikhia was last spotted the previous evening walking out of the Safir Hotel, she said. Some opposi-

meeting with an unidentified acquaintance who had called him that day. On his bed and around the hotel room were items of clothing, insulin and syringes for injections,

tion figures said he was headed to a

something that Mr. Kikhia, a diabetic, would never have intentiooally left behind. Two days later, his wife received a hurried call from a pay phone in which a relative of her husband in

Tripoli told her that Mr. Kikhia was indeed in Libya - something she says she had already suspected No other trace of Mr. Kikhia has been reported. But his disappearance has focused renewed attention on violence and human rights violations by the government of Colo-nel Gadhafi and damaged his country's relations with oeighboring

Egypt.

Many prominent Egyptians, including senior government offi-cials, say they believe that Mr. Kikhia was abducted in Cairo by Libyan intelligence agents.

The incident has also deeply em-barrassed the government of Presi-dent Hosni Mubarak because sevdisappearance. But strong pressure from the United States and widening indignation among Egyptians who frown on Libya's policies and eral diplomats say that members of leadership have led the government Egypt's intelligence service may to shift its tone and open a major have collaborated with Libyan services and smoothed the way for the abduction. The Egyptian authori-

Land traffic between Egypt and Libya has been very heavy, opposi-tion figures note, since the United Nations banned all flights to and from Libya more than a year ago.

The air embargo was imposed to
put pressure on Libya to turn over

two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Some Libyan dissidents are guessing that Mr. Kikhin was taken

from Cairo to Alexandria in a convoy of Libyan cars with diplomatic license plates and on to Libya.

The Egyptian authorities initial-

On Tuesday, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa described Mr. Kikhia as a "decent man" and deliberately used the word "abduction" in com-

menting on his case. "If proven, the abduction of Kikhia in Egypt is an illegitimate and unacceptable matter," he told journalists, adding that "Egypt will take a position" on who was re-

In some ways, Mr. Mubarak's options seem limited because of the delicate balance Egypt strikes in relations with its wayward neigh-

A million Egyptians work in Lib-The Egyptian authorities initial-yr eacted tepidly to Mr. Kikhia's that is hadly needed.

Europe Cleans Up After Heavy Floods

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches AMSTERDAM - Thousands of Dutch, German and Belgian citizens who fled watersoaked homes at Christmas began cleaning up Sunday after the worst flooding in north western Europe in decades.

Rivers swollen by torrential rain were re-

ported retreating in the heaviest hit areas of the southeastern Netherlands and low-lying parts of Germany and Belgium. At least seven people were killed in the region as a result of the weather at the end of last week. Then, freezing conditions on Saturday night and Sunday morning made roads

treacherous. Dutch and Belgian policemen reported 42 accidents overnight, including one oear the southern Netherlands city of Breda in which three people died after their car hit a tree. No official damage estimates were avail-

able, but a Dutch Internal Affairs Ministry spokesman said that damage in the Nether-lands could exceed 100 million guilders (\$55

Water levels in the southeastern Dutch region of Limburg were falling slowly, and northward along the lissel River in the northeast was under control, emergency workers In Germany, people were able to start cleaning up as flooding from the Rhine re-

treated rapidly and streets in the old part of the southwestern city of Cologue, hip-deep in water just days ago, became passable. The Rhine reached its highest level this century in Arnhem early Sunday, exceeding

by 12 centimeters (4.6 inches) a record set in 1926, authorities in Gelderland, in the eastern Netherlands said. In Cologne, streets were choked with mind. The Rhine, which hit a record 10.63 meters (34.7 feet) in the city on Christmas night, returned to 9.48 meters on Sunday and was

falling at a rate of three centimeters an hour, the local flood-crisis center said Authorities have also begun cleaning up at Koblenz, where the Moselle River meets the

Rhine, although some parts of the town were still under water. Dutch anthorities said that the Rhine and its tributaries had stopped rising by midday

been necessary since Saturday afternoon in the Rhine Basin. About 13,000 people had to 9. leave their homes in the past week.

Belgian officials said water levels were

or snow would be needed before water levels could return to normal. French authorities closed a section of ex-

of Soissons were told to boil tap water before Trains between Paris and Brussels were

In the Ardennes, in eastern France, 32

Imprime par Offprins, 73 rue de l'Evangile, 75018 Paris.

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dropping throughout the country, but they warned that at least a week without more fain

pressway beside the Seine in central Paris after a slow but steady rise in the river, and inhabitants in the northeastern French town

running an hour and a half late because of diversions resulting from flooding on the

roads were impassable because of flooding. In northern Spain, three people were killed near Oviedo when their house collapsed during heavy rains in one of several incidents Sunday as storms whipped across the region-(Reuters, AFT)

this capability during the next 15 years," it said. -THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

North Koreans to open all seven of

its officially disclosed nuclear sites

to international monitors. But they

caution that important details need

ed, "we are likely to see several Third World nations establish the

infrastructure and develop the

technical knowledge required to

undertake ICBM and space launch

But Pentagon planners assume that a more immediate and serious

threat lies in the rapid proliferation

vehicle development."

WASHINGTON — The Central

CIA Says Threat

Of Missile Strike

On U.S. Is Slight

opment is unlikely.
U.S. military doctrine takes a similar view. In January, in his last Intelligence Agency has concluded that Iran, Iraq, Libya, and North Korea have the "political support or motivation" to develop long-range missiles that could strike the report to Congress, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said that "after the turn of the century, some United States and that all but Libcountries hostile in this nation could acquire ballistic missiles that ya have the "technical capability" could threaten the United States." to do so within 15 years. "Over the next 10 years," he add-

But there is no evidence that any of them is actually working on such a project, the agency found, adding that it was unlikely that any of them would do so, for economie or other reasons.

Rather than develop their own intercontinental hallistic missiles to challenge the United States with nuclear or chemical warheads, they may try in "purchase everything from complete missile systems to essential technologies from countries with existing ICBMs." according to the CIA. The agency's analysis was pre-

pared at the request of Representa-tive Ronald V. Dellums, Democrat of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Dellums's office released a declassified summary last week.

The report can be both alarming or reassuring for U.S. residents. While it takes seriously the possihility that hostile or revenge-minded nations could develop or acquire the ability to strike at the United

KOREA: CLA Sees Bomb Evidence

Continued from Page 1

that were consistent with experiments with conventional munitions needed to detonate a nuclear

Still, American intelligence does not have a specific satellite pieture, electronie intercept or agent's report that confirms deployment of a

The judgment that North Korea probably has a nuclear bomh is supported by almost every intelligence agency, including the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and also the Energy Department. Only the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research disputes the conclusion, arguing that the

data are not persuasive. Several officials said the disagreement over North Korea's nuclear abilities turned not only on an analysis of its scientific prowess but also on a fundamental dispute over its intentions. CIA analysts despots who have turned to nuclear power. State Department analysts assert that there are splits within North Korea's ruling elite and that the moderates should be encour-

The new intelligence assessment has important implications for efforts by the administration to persuade North Korea to open its nuelear sites to international inspectors and abandon its nuclear

showed signs of progress. Administration officials have said, for example, that there has been progress in persuading the

to be worked out, and there is no agreement on whether inspectors can visit two waste dumps to see how much plutonium the North Koreans might have produced. American officials said that if

President Clinton accepted the intelligence report as true, the diplomacy aimed at trading broader diplomatic and economic ties for nuclear concessions would be considerably complicated.

"Ultimately, the president will have to make a decision on the basis of the evidence," said a senior administration official. The study's findings raise problems for South Korea, which has been urging a negotiated solution. "Having one or two bombs would create a very serious issue for us," said a senior South Korean diplomat in Scoul.

Previous intelligence failures by parties are casting a s over the debate. Some State De weapons to insure their hold on partment and Pentagon officials say they believe intelligence analysts have put forward "worst case" conclusions so they cannot be accused of failing, as they did to the case of Iraq to sound sufficient

warning about a nuclear program. On the other hand, intelligence experts assert that the State Department has consistently underestimated North Korea's abilities. Analysts in the department, for example, for years disputed the noprogram.

Those negotiations have recently

ample, for years disputed the notion that North Korea had a reprocessing plant for plutonium, accepting North Korea's assertion that the giant huilding at Yongbyon was a textile factory.

CHINA: Korea Sanctions Opposed

North Korea and China said China did not believe North Korea has the capability of building nuclear weapons. North Korea has assured China on numerous occasions that it does ont possess nuclear weapons, the diplomat said.

At the same time, he added, China and Russia, both longtime allies

It was followed by two films that

starred Alec Guinness, "The Man in the White Suit" (1951) and "The

Ladykillers" (1955). The latter also

helped establish Peter Sellers as a

comic star. The three films are

widely considered to be among Ea-

of North Korea, are deeply con-cerned about the destabilizing effect a nuclear North Korea would have on the region. Mr. Li on Sunday called for re-

solving the dispute hy negotiation.
"China favors a proper settlement of the issue through dialogues and consultations, instead of imposing pressure and sanctions," Mr. Li told Mr. Butros Ghali, according to Xinhua.

Mr. Li called for a nonnuclear Korean perinsula.

"We hold that denuclearization of the peninsula will be realized at an early date," he said, "for this will be not only conducive to peace and stability in the peninsula, hnt also in line with the common interesis" of North and South Korea.

South Korea, Japan and the West have repeatedly asked China to use its influence to persuade North Korea to accept the inspecnons. China came to North Korea's aid in 1950 in its war with U.S.-led UN forces and still has a mutual defense pact with North Korea.

Despite its longtime links with North Korea, it is not clear how much clout China has with North Korea, diplomats in Beijing say. For one thing, China has scaled back its aid to North Korea and is more interested now in wooing South Korea to attract investment in cities and ports.

STATESIDE / AN OLD BATTLEFELD

In Appalachian South, Poverty Is a Durable Opponent

By Guy Gugliotta

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Washington Post Service HAZARD, Kentincky — The last time the United States fought a war on pover-ty here, poverty won. Nearly 30 years have passed since the April day in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson stood on the steps of a courthouse 60 miles north of here and promised to attack poverty "in all its forms" and "drive

underground."
Now another president has picked up Now another president has picked up the lance. With equal fanfare, President Bill Clinton has pledged to "end welfare as we know it," reform the health care system and "make work pay." But while the urban slum may be pow-

erty's symbol today, the Appalachia that caught Mr. Johnson's eye remains a fit-ting laboratory. The symptoms of hard-

By Lawrence K. Altman

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The smallpox

virus, one of the biggest killers in

history, has won a temporary stay

from its planned execution this

week because some scientists have

begun to argue that the virus could

yield useful medical knowledge

about smallpox and perhaps other

States and Russia, who hold the last known stocks of the smallpox

virus, had planned to destroy them

in a simultaneous execution by

by the World Health Organization

three years ago. But both countries have now decided to delay destruc-

tion beyond the agreed deadline.

while some last-minute doubts

about the wisdom of such a final.

A fire tore through the home of

the Nobel prize vinning anthor Toui Morrison in Rockland Com-

ty, New York, injuring two fire-men, a fire official said. The author,

62, was not home at the time, but a

son who was in the sprawling old home beside the Hudson River

· Nearly half of Americans believe

minuals are a lot like humans when

it comes to emotions and reasoning

ability, according to a Los Angele

Times poll. Also, half of the 1,612 respondents said they objected to

the wearing of fur, while slightly

more, 54 percent, said they op-posed hunting for sport. While 47:

percent in the nationwide poll agreed that animals "are just like

humans in all important ways," 51

percent disagreed and 2 percent

• A New York City fire fighter was awarded \$1 million by a State

Supreme Court jury over burns he

suffered in 1985 because the city

fire department had, refused to

equip him with fire-resistant over-

• Dr. Jack Kevorkian vowed to

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tried to fight the flames. He es-

caped without harm.

With both the United States and

New Year's Eve.

Russia agreeing, the recommenda-tion for destruction was announced

step are debated.

Politics .

Away From

Health officials in the United

A Stay of Execution

For Smallpox Virus

Kentucky is a place where jobs have dried up and blown away. If Mr. Clinton wants to change the patterns of poverty in America — rural or urban — he will have to reverse a downward spiral that began decades ago.

Hard times in the country run counter to Appalachia's image as a land of folklore and handicrafts, Daniel Boone and dulcimers. In 1964 the folk singer Jean Ritchie, from a huge family in Viper, just south of Hazard, was Appalachian Ken-tucky's favorite daughter. Later came Loretta Lynn, from Butcher's Hollow, then Crystal Gayle, of Paintsville, and today the Judds, Naomi and Wynonna, mother

and daughter, from Ashland. But the reality is different: "What we have here is extensive gram alcohol abuse, family violence, homicide, acci-dents, substance abuse and depression," ship in America — ignorance, unemployment, sickness, isolation, crime and drugs— are still as visible in the hardwood-cloaked hollows of East Kentucky as they are in the asphalt wastes of East Hariem.

And just as in the cities, Appalachian abuse, laminy violence, nonmane, accretion, adults, substance abuse and depression, said Karen Main, deputy director of the University of Kentucky's Center for Rural Health. But the real problem is poverty, and we haven't figured out how to treat that."

The disease caused by the small-

pox virus was declared eradicated

m 1980. It was arguably public

health's greatest triumph because

smallpox is the only disease that

Stocks of the virus have been

kept frozen in liquid mitrogen in

two closely guarded laboratories in

Atlanta and Moscow for research

purposes where laboratory scien-

tists have been amassing knowl-

edec about the virus's basic struc-

ture in anticipation of its

The virus, known as variola, is

expected to be destroyed by heat-

ing the remaining stocks to very

The main focus of the research

has been to create a genetic map of

the variola, which belongs to the

If the stocks of the virus are

destroyed, health officials say it

would be the first time any species

But with the deadline approach-

ing, "there's no movement toward

doing it the end of this year," Dr. Walter R. Dowdle, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, the federal agency

that holds the American stocks of

smallpox virus in Atlanta, said in

an interview.

A meeting is being planned at World Health Organization head-quariers in Geneva-next month so that virologists and other experts

can review the progress made in

genetically mapping the virus and

should be done, Dr. Dowdie said.

Health officials had planned to

destroy the virus to reduce the se-

curity costs associated with pre-

scrving it and to avoid the threat

that the stocks could accidentally

escape from a laboratory, be seized

by terrorists or sold by financially

troubled researchers or political

But the execution has been post-

One is a last-minute dehate

among scientists over the wisdom

of destroying a virus of which sci-entists have little understanding.

la virus infected humans and was

so deadly, killing up to 40 percent of the people it infected. Smallpox

begins like the flu with nonspecific symptoms but then goes on to cause a rash, usually first over the

face and then on the body and

Opponents of the virus's destruc-

tion argue that further research

They do not know why the vario-

poned for several reasons.

had been deliberately wiped out.

high temperatures in autoclaves -

airtight steam chambers.

family of pox viruses.

has been wined out

destruction.

The Rural Health Center outside Haz-ard sits in the middle of a 23-county area of southeastern Kentucky where poverty rates run 32 percent and up. Owsley County, about 20 miles west of here, has a 51 percent poverty rate - as bad as

anywhere in the country.

This is the heart of Appalachia. Among the 23 counties, median house-hold incomes range from \$8,595 to \$16,202 per year. Nanonally, the median is \$30,056. In Perry County, where Hazard is the largest town, unemployment is 15.2 percent, half the adults dropped out of high school and 17 percent of all housing units have no phone.

Such numbers are comparable to those from any economically depressed inner-city neighborhood, "a similarity that has occurred to me many times," said Marcus Bordelon, director of the Credit Union and Loan Fund, a grass-roots develop-ment group based in Berea, Kentucky. But at least one thing is different, he

added. In the cities, minorities suffer disproportionately, but in Appalachia the

The Clintons joining in a sing-along performance of Handel's "Messiah" in Washington.

Credibility Problem for Troopers

LITTLE ROCK, Arkaosas - For almost a

week, two Arkansas state troopers have held the attention of the White House and much of the

national press by saying they had firsthand knowledge that the president was a power-happy philan-

But until lately, the troopers, Larry G. Patterson

questioning directed at President Bill Clinton's personal life. Now, under closer scrutiny, it is

apparent that they have had credibility problems.

two lawsuits in Pulaski County Circuit Court in

Little Rock that the two friends and a third trooper

admitted collaborating last year to falsify an ac-count of a 1990 car accident. Mr. Perry was seeking

\$100,000 in insurance payments in the two suits.

The troopers could have faced serious punish-

ment had the facts of the accident become known.

Mr. Patterson, drunk, demolished a state police car

while bar-hopping with the other two troopers.
"In my 17 years of doing this kind of work, they

fied as bad as anyone I've ever known," said the

The two troopers admit to misstatements about

On Wednesday, another Arkansas trooper,

Danny Ferguson, issued a statement denying one

of their gravest charges against the president: that Mr. Clinton had personally offered Mr. Ferguson a federal job in exchange for help in quashing the

stories about Mr. Clinton's marital infidelity while

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Perry insisted Thursday

that their assault on the president was motivated not by money or a desire for celebrity, but by pent-

up fury over years of mistreatment while serving with Mr. Clinton's personal security detail.

"You run all the personal errands, and then he forgets about you." Complaining that he even had

to clean up after the Clintons' dog, Mr. Patterson

"You block roads for him," Mr. Patterson said.

he was governor of Arkansas.

the accident, although they deny that they con-spired to defraud the insurance company.

insurance company's lawyer, Roy G. Sanders.

By far the most serious is sworn testimony in

victims are almost all white: "It's economy, not race," Mr. Bordelon said. 'I used to work at Sav-a-Lot bagging groceries," said Scott Crawford, 22, who spends evenings smoking cigarettes in front of the Hazard public housing pro-ject where he lives. But that was two, three months ago. It's hard as hell in get

work around here. I'd go anywhere, but ! need a couple thousand." he said, meaning dollars. "Hard as hell in get a couple thousand around here." Today in Perry County, people talk about possible investments in timber, textiles or tourism, but most new johs in Appalachia will be minimum wage, many

mes' tax breaks expire. There are two solutions to this problem. The first is called "Greyhound therapy," getting on the bus and heading to a city such as Lexington, in northern Kentucky, or Cincinnati, Akron or Dayton in

added: "It eats at me. It eats at me. That man is

leader of the free world, and he's a user." (NYT)

More Housing Department Fraud

WASHINGTON - Real-estate speculators,

mortgage-company officials, multifamily property owners and others misused or stole more than \$200

million from the Department of Housing and Ur-

ban Development during the year that ended Sept.

30, according to a report from the agency's inspec-

tor general.

The report said that amid the department's

staffing shortages and mismanagement, which

have resulted in previously reported huge losses in

major programs, many smaller crimes had been committed and misapplications of funds discov-

The inspector general's office, which reports

twice annually on the agency's operations, said 375 people were convicted of fraud, theft and other

crimes involving the department's mortgage insur-ance, rental assistance, public bousing and other

programs in the year that ended in September.

Government investigators recovered \$88.7 mil-

lion of the losses from a variety of programs during

the 1993 fiscal year and expect eventually to get back another \$121 million, according to the report.

The inspector general's office said it did not

know the overall extent of the losses, including

Investigators focus much of their attention on individuals and companies using fraud to get assis-

tance, most often perpetrated by "real-estate in-

vestors, speculators and hrokers" in programs that

help people buy homes, the report said. (WP)

Housing Secretary Henry G. Cisneros on the

motivation behind new reports that Bill Clinton had extramarital affairs while he was governor of

Arkansas: "Is it just to search and destroy, slash

and burn, and follow every lead that comes along

ered that add no to heavy losses.

money that cannot be recovered.

same migrant stereotype that applies to Southern whites, African-Americans and Chicanos. The other solution is to stay home and wait for johs, scrounge for spending money and collect a check for welfare, food stamps or disability. The linkages between poverty and crime, sickness and drug ahuse, are as

are likely to he part time, and a great number — especially in textile mills — probably will disappear when the compa-With no phone and no transportation, there often is no way to get to a physician until the heart attack occurs. In Appala-chian Kentucky, the rate of cervical can-

cer, easily detected and controlled through standard tests, is double that of the rest of the country. For poor people, primary care is the hospital emergency

Abortion **Foes Focus** On Symbol

"This is why Appalachian people are perceived as violent, backward, ignorant, lazy, shiftless and unorganized," said

Ron Eller, director of the University of

Kentucky's Appalachian Center, "It's the

visible in Appalachia as in city slums. For

Perry County's poorest, there is no such thing as preventive health care.

By Karen De Witt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - A decision hy the Clinton administration to require states to pay for abortions for a small number of poor women is shaping up as a significant symbol, one that abortion opponents say they will use in the coming fight over the administration's health care plan.

Bruce C. Vladeck, the federal official in charge of Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, said last week that the administration would issue regulations requiring states to pay for abortions for low-income women made pregnant by rape or incest as well as when the life of the pregnant woman was threatened.

The number of abortions that might result from such public financing would be small, perhaps in the neighborhood of 1,000, compared with the millions performed

each year without public money. But the issue has symbolic importance both to supporters of abortion rights and opponents because of the contentious question of whether abortions will be covered when Congress begins to over-haul the health care system next year. President Bill Clinton sent a detailed health care plan to Con-gress this fall that would hlur the distinction between the abortion options of the middle class and the

Advocates of abortion rights maintain that the directive merely follows through on a recent change in the law, which relaxed the han on federal financing of abortions to allow the government to pay for abortions in the case of rape and incest. But abortion foes argue that the directive indicates the administration's intention to carry out its leanings in favor of abortion rights.

Water Service

The Associated Press

Sunday morning.

The broken four-font (1.2-meter)

This was a major break, affecting about one-third of the city," a okeswoman for the public works department said. The White House, which has its own water

Restored in D.C.

WASHINGTON - A major

water-main break spewed millions of gallons of water onto icy streets and caused water pressure to drop or disappear for thousands of resi-dents on Christmas Night, but ser-vice was restored by daybreak on

main sent a geyser of water gushing 12 feet high a mile (1.6 kilometers) north of the White House.

supply, was not affected.

could provide invaluable opportu-New York Times and the Detroit nities to learn about the way other viruses harm humans. In addition, News, he also repeated his promise to refrain from assisting any more suicides until courts decide whether some experts contend that studies of smallpox virus might provide clues in the battles against other Michigan's law against the practice is valid. Renters, AP, NYT scourges, including cancer.

Norman Vincent Peale, Preached Positive Thinking, Dies at 95

about anyone in public life?"

Quote / Unquote

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, 95, one of the most influential American religious figures of his time, died Friday at his estate in Pawling, New York. He had suffered a stroke earlier this month. Mr. Peale helped create a spiritu-al tone in the postwar United States with sermons, broadcasts, newspaper columns and 41 books. especially his best-seller, "The Power of Positive Thinking," published in 1952.

He told presidents and business executives and millions of other Norman Vincent Peale, shown in a 1954 photo, inspired millions with sermons and books.

country recovering from the De-pression and a world war were more than ready to follow his

Mr. Peale never lacked for crit-ics, who charged him with simplify-ing Christianity by avoiding deeper confrontations with sin and guilt. But he had millions of supporters who said he had brought them religious contentment. He often admitted that his main

Marble Collegiate Church in New York City in 1932, Mr. Peale became one of the first American the Marble Collegiate Church, unclergymen to bring psychiatrie practices into religion, preparing the way for thousands of professional, religious-based counselors. His later emphasis on "positive

He was a favorite of wealthy target for these spiritual pep rallies

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Mr. Peale said he wished he

tian view of repentance. Alexander Mackendrick, 81,

Director of British Comedies New York Times Service Alexander Mackendrick, 81,

who directed the classic British film comedies "The Ladykillers," "Tight Little Island" and "The Man in the White Suit," died Wednesday of pneumonia in Los

endrick wrote scripts and created storyboards for Ealing Studios in England, where he soon graduated n directing. His first effort was arrest in Santa Monica, California.

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After Ealing Studios was sold to
the BBC in 1955, Mr. Mackendrick moved in the United States, mak-

After World War II, Mr. Mack-

Don DeFore, 80, who played the exasperated boss Mr. B in the 1960s U.S. television show "Ha-

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Rethinking Russian Reform

In the aftermath of the Russian elections, it would be wrong to think that those jarring returns were the result of too much reform. It is just the opposite. The worst of the social distress has been caused by too little reform. The question for the West now is how best to encourage and help President Boris Yeltsin and the people around him to stay at the difficult

job of rebuilding the Russian economy.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, whose rabidly nationalist party won the largest number of votes, has been touring Germany and Austria in the company of various admirers of the late Hitler. The spectacle does not mean that Russia is turning fascist, but it does indicate the need to think carefully about the present

economic strategy.

Russia has made good progress in some areas of reform - meaning progress away from the collapsed Soviet system toward a competitive market economy. Most prices were decontrolled two years ago. Privatization is coming along well, and new businesses are springing up. The most intractable issue seems to be the future of the big state enterprises, those gigantie complexes of factories, the output of which is now deeply unprofitable or, often, totally useless.

Most of them are going to have to be closed. The Russian government has resisted it. fear-ing large-scale unemployment. But the huge

subsidies required to keep these dinosaurs alive are draining Russia's strength. The sub-sidies are responsible for the inflation that has severely depreciated the salaries of civil servants - teachers, doctors and the rest - and old-age pensions, generating huge social distress and resentment. The Russians would do much better to pay conventional unemployment compensation to laid-off workers than to commue to subsidize the enterprises employing them. That is the kind of economic surgery in which foreign advice and some foreign seed money could be very helpful.

The big democracies may have made a mistake when they put the International Monctery Fund in charge of most of the joint foreign efforts to support reform in Russia. The Russians complain that the IMF has delivered far less money than promised. The IMF responds that the Russians have repeatedly failed to bring down inflation as prom-

ised. Both are right. But Russia is in the midst of a revolution, and the IMF is evidently not well equipped to deal with the very turbulent circumstances that it is encountering. The election returns will not make the polinics of Russia's reform any easier. Aid from abroad, if it is to have any great impact, is going to have to be delivered and used with great skill.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Clinton Is Still Dodging

Bowing to political reality, President Bill Clinton has now instructed his lawyers to give the Justice Department all papers concerning his and Mrs. Clinton's partnership in a controversial Arkansas land deal.

These include files that had been presumptuously spirited from the office of the deputy White House counsel, Vincent Foster, follow-

ing Mr. Foster's suicide.
Mr. Clinton's action falls well short of full and immediate public disclosure of the files. But it spares him a potentially embarrassing fight with his own attorney general, Janet Reno, whose investigators had threatened to sunpoena the files. The investigators are looking into the collapse of Madison Guaranty, an Arkansas savings and loan whose owner, James McDougal, was the Clintons' partner in Whitewater Development Corp., which also went bust in a speculative land venture.

Federal prosecutors are exploring whether Mr. McDougal improperly diverted Madison funds to prop up Whitewater and to pay personal expenses incurred by Mr. Clinton during his 1986 campaign for governor. They also want to know whether Mr. Clinton, as governor, gave favorable treatment to Mr. McDougal's shaky savings and loan.

Mr. Clinton and his associates have been dodging full disclosure about Whitewater and

his and his wife's relationship with Mr. McDougal since early in the 1992 campaign. ft is entirely possible that the Clintons have done no wrong. But the evasive tactics by the White House have fueled suspicions that there is something in those files worth hiding.

Representative Jim Leach of Iowa, the ranking minority member of the House Banking Committee, has called on Ms. Reno to appoint an independent counsel to investigate Whitewater and the circumstances surrounding Mr. Foster's death. Ms. Reno has refused, arguing that any special prosecutor she appointed would be seen as less than fully independent. But that is nonsense. Her appointee would be perceived as independent if he or she had a reputation for courage, competence and integrity.

Ms. Reno's rejection of a special prosecutor

leaves the investigation in the hands of middie-level employees at the Justice Department. This puts ber under a heavy professional obligation to ensure that these investigators can operate freely without interference from the White House and the various Clinton loyalists who occupy high positions at Justice. She will be equally obliged to report her findings and render the full public disclosure that the White House has withheld so far.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Another Path for Algeria

Algeria steadily rises. A couple of thousand people have died there in street fighting and assassinations in the two years since the government, backed by the army, abruptly canceled a national election in which a Muslim fundamentalist party was winning. Last spring the assassins shifted their targets from the police to intellectuals and public figures, assuming, correctly, that the political impact would be greater. Now they have begun to go explicitly after foreigners. Not long ago, unidentified men cut the throats of 12 Bosnian and Croatian technicians working on a dam.

If repression alone could end this kind of insurrection, the Algerian government would be well on its way to success. It has had a lot of experience with repression, and does not hesitate to use it. But in fact the toll only mounts. Why are foreigners now under threat? Perhaps the insurrectionaries fear that foreign technical help might produce enough prosperity to strengthen the government. That, unfortunately, is highly unlikely. Economic conditions have been deteriorating for some time in Algeria. Output remains unable to keep up with one of the world's highest rates of population growth, and the standard of living has been in a long decline.

This savage struggle is particularly tragic

Not surprisingly, the level of violence in because it closely replicates the Algerian war against France a generation ago. In throwing off French rule, Algerians fought an exceedingly bloody war in which hundreds of thousands died. Just as the French Army damaged itself and its standing by resorting to torture then, so the present Algerian government successors to the liberation movement - is now using torture in its attempts to control the rebellion. Middle East Watch, among other human rights organizations, has reported widespread evidence of it.

When outsiders sometimes try to suggest that the solution is political reform and better enforcement of rights — as the Clinton ad-ministration has done — the Algerian regime furiously responds by asking whether the world would prefer to have the country ruled by the kind of people who are currently in charge in Iran. There is not much doubt that the Iranian government is supporting both Muslim fundamentalism and revolutionary violence in Algeria. That is the Algerians' dilemma. But the government's reliance on police and military power is not working, and Algeria's history argues powerfully that it is not going to work. Even under the present desperate circumstances, the only real hope is to begin moving back toward democracy.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Hosokawa's Tightrope Act

There is a serious possibility that Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa will be forced to dissolve parliament at the end of January. The reason: The Liberal Democratic Party is determined to sabotage passage of a crucial political reform bill, the centerpiece of the prime minister's reform package that will change the nature of Japan's electoral districts and impose stricter controls on campaign funds.

The former ruling party has found an un-likely ally in the Socialist Party, which is part of the eight-member governing coalition and which fears marginalization after the package is approved. While the hill has passed the lower house of parliament, the chances are even at best that it will get through the upper house, even with the 45-day extension of the parliamentary session that Mr. Hosokawa obtained last week. If the hill fails, the prime

minister may be forced to call a new election. But that in itself is not such a horrifying prospect. If the analysts are right, the Libera Democrats might well be pushed further into

oblivion if an election were held today. Mr. Hosokawa is still enormously popular among the voters, with approval ratings higher than 60 percent. But the prime minister might soon learn firsthand how ephemeral opinion polls can be. Already, there are doubts whether he will be able to sustain that support, especially if his failure to push through broad political reform is interpreted as a sign of political immaturity.

This only underscores how crucial it will he for him, in the weeks ahead, to build on his goodwill with the electorate and deliver tangible results on both the political and economic froms. The alternative could well be a new election and a new leader.

- Business Times (Singapore).



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Lunch in Gaza With Five Men Who Can Make It Work

AZA CITY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip
— Stones bounce off our yellow-tagged
Israeli bus, despite the heavy escort of guntoting Israeli soldiers. From occupied Gaza's swarm of tattered slums, we arrive at a star-tlingly pleasant white villa on a pristine Medi-

These Fatah leaders had spent years in Israeli prisons. Yet all said that Israeli determination and democracy impressed them.

terranean beach - the (English-language) Cliff Restaurant, just down a sandy street

from the Love Boat.
Our plugged-in guide, the Israeli journalist Ehnd Yaari, has arranged for us to have lunch with local Palestinian leaders of Yasser Arafat's El Fatah organization. This is the group

that presumably will run Gaza as the Israelis, under terms still being worked out, withdraw.

Our escort checks out the premises and retires. Five hard-looking men fore and aft of 30 materialize, presumably with their own security. All are from families displaced from level ground 1945. All had second to to. Israel around 1948. All had served up to 12 years in Israeli prisons for offenses not detailed

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

to us. All now live in Jabaliya, a wretched town described as the world's largest refugee camp. As we sit down to hunch we quickly grasp that this encounter surpasses in portent all of our high-policy appointments on both the Israeli and Arab sides. If the autonomy Israel offers the Palestinians is to work, it will be through the exertions of Palestinians like these on the ground.

Prison was for the live the great national as well as personal crucible. In conditions they describe as the "summit of fascism," they did not give in, they say —although, and this they do not say, some did give in. They created their own institutions, organized strikes, de-bated with Israeli soldiers, suffered penalties in a process at once intellectual and violent. They lived for the first time a "pure Palestinian life." It was a classical prisoner-of-war transmutation of ordeal into pride, recalling James Stockdale's account of American pris-

But with a difference. The five claim they won — they wanted to win — the respect of their captors. And more than respect. They learned about Israel. What they learned, they say, is that Israelis will not give in under force, only through discussion and persuasion.

across a table of fresh vegetables and tasty humous, lamb and rice, mineral water and sweet coffee - I find it almost too good to be true. This is what partisans of peace must want Palestinians to learn of Israelis. It is what one wants Israelis to learn of Palestinians. Is it a line peddled to innocent Americans? I choose to think otherwise.

As our lunch goes on, the five loosen up

and lean forward, and so do we.
We hear of something else that these former prisoners and other Palestinians under occupation have learned of Israel: about itsdemocracy. They admire it. Not that they intend to create an Arab Israel. But they are studying Israel as well as the Arab states in order to create their own political model. They definitely do not want to fashion the future Palestine after any existing Arab state. How did Gaza's revolt against the occupation catch fire? "Our people worked [as day laborers] in Israel and saw how Israelis lived and came back to the refugee

camps and exploded."
They are at pains to say that even during the occupation, Gazans have held together a "civilized society." Palestinians are politically divided as well as geographically dispersed and need extended dialogue among themselves, they acknowledge. They grant

the terrorist organization But the way they intend to beat Hamas is at the polls with early elections — on July 13, according to last fall's Israeli-Palestmian breakthrough at Oslo. Will El Fatah be able to leash Hamas? They will be alone, and we

will enforce the law."

Three of our table manes shared an Israeli cell during the Gulf War. We ask how Pales-timans, who have lived under occupation. could have supported Saddam Flussein, imm-self an occupier and a dictator who would have killed the likes of these five.

You must understand the Palestinians, they say: No one else responded to our need to oppose even symbolically, the occupation.

The Sends fired by Iraq against Israel pleased us." They turn the conversation around With many United Nations resolutions on other issues allowed to lapse, why were the resolutions on iraq enforced?

Our farewell is out of Fellini. At the gate a crowd has mustered around the apparently amable convergence of the Israeli soldiers picking us up and the Palestinians picking up the Fatah five. Kids are running around, plus a cintch of international journalists craising for action and plainly disappointed to learn that nothing has happened, just hunch in Gaza.

The Washington Post

Clinton's Good Intentions Won't Get Us Through '94

By Charles Krauthammer

WASHINGTON — Year one of the Clinton foreign policy, the Year of Good Intentions, is mercifully over. It began with an inaugural address proclaiming a doctrine of armed humanitarianism — America acting with force when necessary" not just to defend its interests hut when "the will and conscience of the international community is defied." It ended with a return to prudence and sanity — the United States leaving Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia behind, an admission that, absent a compelling national interest, conscience alone is not reason enough for armed intervention.

Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia are now yoked together in a kind of compound word meaning good intentions gone bad or gone nowhere, In each instance, the administration took the American people up the hill and then back down. And a good thing, too, that we came back down. Each of these three promised intervention without end.

it would, of course, have been better had the United States gotten to where it is now without detours through ill-conceived action (Soma-

B OSTON — The press has its own version of Gresham's Law: the tendency, in the compe-

tition for readers, to let the scandalous and sensa-

tional drive out serious news. An example is the

press in Britain, where the tittle-tattle of the

tabloids has lately infected the news judgment of the quality papers.

In the past week the American press has faced —

and most of it flunked -a test of its resistance to

the cheap and scurrilous. A story about the sex life

of President Bill Clinton, duhious in its evidence

and its promoters, nevertheless proved irresistible

had arranged or overseen numerous assignations for Mr. Clinton when he was governor. Pushing

their story was Cliff Jackson, an Arkansas lawyer

The story first broke into print in The American

Spectator, a magazine of the far right. The author

was David Brock, the man who described Anita Hill

as "a bit nntty, and a bit slutty," who has made

himself chief manure-spreader for the extreme right.

His article quotes the troopers, and two alleged others who withheld their names, as describing

approaches by Mr. Clinton to many women, some of them strangers. Yet not one woman was pro-

long obsessed with hatred of Bill Clinton.

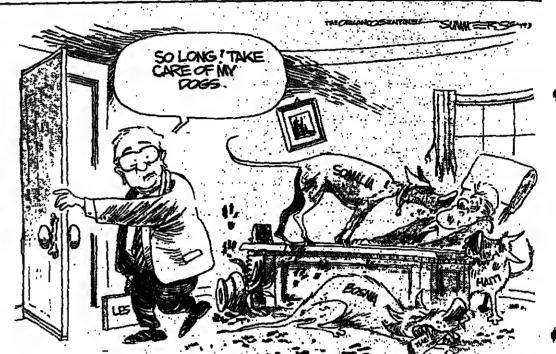
Two Arkansas state troopers elaimed that they

to most newspapers and hroadcasters.

in North Korea. Soon, very soon, the International Atomic Energy Agency will declare North Korea as having "broken the continuity" of inspection of its nuclear facilities. These are the required code words by which the IAEA sounds the alarm on nuclear cheaters. If nonproliferation is to mean anything, the international police, with America in the lead, are then supposed to come in and do something.

The president has said that he will, declaring unequivocally that "North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb," But this may be just another of Bill Clinton's rhetorical poses. The administration appears to be setting the stage for its fourth capitulation, this time on something vital to America's national interest. If it does, then the era of mass destruction — the name histo-rians will give to what we now tentatively call the post-Cold War era will have begun in earnest.

To be sure, there is more to Mr. Clinton's first year scorecard than just good intentions. On international economics, there was tactical finesse. He pushed through NAFTA lia, Haiti) and empty bluff (Bosnia). over furious domestic opposition.
U.S. credibility has been damaged and that will serve America badly in the real crisis now coming up ternational obstructionism. GATT should be bilateral talks between Is-



reduces world tariffs by around 40 percent and will boost the world economy. More important, it will arrest the worldwide slide toward protectionism that threatened a return to the minous trade wars of the 1930s.

And then there is the Middle East, where the administration has done American intercession in what

The Press Displays Its Weakness for the Dirt That Sells

By Anthony Lewis

salaciousness and piety. Here is Mr. Brock describing the motives of the troopers:

believe the reckless personal behavior they wit-

nessed by then-Governor Clinton, if continued by

the president, a subject on which they cannot

speak authoritatively, could constitute a risk to the national security of the U.S. by making the presi-dent easy prey for blackmarlers."

As Oscar Wilde said of a famous scene in

Dickens, "One would have to have a heart

of stone to read the death of Little Nell with-

ont laughing."
Yet many papers and broadcasters used the Brock story as the basis for articles on Mr. Clin-

ton's sex life, apparently on the theory that a

The Los Angeles Times, one of America's best newspapers, did its own reporting and published a long article — still without evidence from any

woman. CNN, ABC and others interviewed the

two troopers and repeated the charges.

The Wall Street Journal printed nothing.

The New York Times used only a brief wire story

charge is news once it appears anywhere.

The tone of the article is a wonderful mixture of

They have come forward now because they

rael and its enemies has retarded the prospects for Middle East peace.

Mr. Clinton's Middle East team knows when to get out of the way. Apart from one case of backshiding: -trying to induce miceness in Hafez Assad of Syria with a gift of timee jets and a presidential audience they have let the parties work it out on their own. When the PLO came:

crying to Uncle Sam during the current stalemate in Gaza-Jericho negotiations, the administration said:

until Hillary Rodham Clinton denounced the changes.

their decision by saying they were concerned not with sex but with a possible cover-up. But that was just a

rationalization for an appeal to the readers' prunent

The most striking thing about these charges is their

elevance. If we are worned about the morelity of

Bill Clinton, we should be asking why he is silent in

the face of genocide in Bosnia — why he says nothing when Serbian aggressors agree to

a Christmes trace and then, the next day, pour shells

There is much to criticize in this administration

and much to praise. But only someone driven by hate would make the president's most immate life

the test. As the record of great figures in history shows, the correlation between a politician's sexual

I do not pretend that it is easy for an editor to stay away from a story like this one, but then

courage is what editors are for.

I asked David Shaw, the greatly respected media critic of the Los Angeles Times, what he thought of his paper's decision to publish.

He said: "It's a tough call, but if I'd been the

The New York Times.

editor I wouldn't have run it."

fidelity and his contribution to mankind is zero.

Some editors, no doubt embarrassed, rationalized

his. You are going to have to live together. Start now. The administration has correctly applied the lessons of Oslo. Get out of the way. Stay out of the way. And host a great big party when the bilateral talks succeed. What will next year be like? The

Go away. Work it out with the Israe-

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last three baye marked a period of extraordinary international calm. It was an eerie calm that produced the first presidential campaign in 50 years in which foreign policy played no part at all (except to the extent that an interest in foreign affairs became an exploitable political li-ability). This interlude, which many mistook and still mistake for the norm, began Feb. 28, 1991, with the end of the Gulf War. It ended Dec. 12; 1993, with the thunderclap of the Russian election.

The Russian election reminds us of the fragility of the current peace. It points to the threat of a return not just to Cold War days, but to worse days. Stalin and his successors were cvil, but they were not reckless. They never attacked Western Europe. They fought a losing war in Afghanistan and never used the bomb. They demonstrated caution even in proxy

wars like Vietnam and Nicaragua.
The prospect of the neo-Nazi Vladimir Zhirinovsky or some other
reckless and embittered imperialist at the helm in Moscow should concentrate American minds on the centrality of Russia. Its future is the main event. North Korea, the current crisis, is the under-card.

Peacekeeping, nation-building, the Somalia-Haiti-Bosnia triangle hav-preoccupied us this year. No more The year of good intentions is over.

Washington Post Writers Group.

Young Suharto's Fast-Track Approach Is Hardly the Tigers' Way By Philip Bowring

westward to buy companies, they look for what will enhance their exist-

ing operations, improve their tech-nology or expand their global reach.

HONG KONG - Symbolism matters everywhere, hut no more so than in Indonesia, home of the wayang, or puppet drama. So the election, after much official obstruction, of Megawati Sukarnoputri, a daughter of the late independence fighter and demagogue, President Sukarno, as head of the quasi-opposition PDI (Indonesian Democratic

of her competence as a leader, or her

be tepid, eclectie populism. Here is a

famous old name to put up against President Suharto and his children.

Symbols acquire added importance

when there is scant way for alternative

leaders to emerge. Nepotism deter-mines both sides of the coin. Ms.

Megawati's elevation may be especial-

ly significant at a time when Mr. Su-

harto has been showing evident testi-

ness in the face of student

demonstrations, possibly encouraged

hy sections of the military. With more

than a touch of apparent exaggeration,

Mr. Suharto compared them to Com-

But if Ms. Megawan is more symbol

than substance of opposition, what

symbolism are we to attach to the

activities of one of President Subarto's

offspring, Hutomo Mandala Putra.

better known as Tommy Suharto? He

and a fellow young businessman who

and a tenow young outsires in the pop made fame and fortune in the pop music business are buying into that

symbol of Western glamour, eliusm and automobile technology, Lam-

munist movements of the '60s.

duced in support of the charges.

borghini SoA. Chrysler Corp. may not find much commercial use for this sedan on the steets of Seoul or, for low-stung piece of road-holding Ital-ian machinery. But the two Indonesian businessmen see plenty of poten-tial in it, as well as a way to include their fascination with fast cars. Indonesia has admirably few regn Party) matters. It matters not because

lations on foreign-exchange export, and an agreeably relaxed attitude to

time and money as they wish. So

there is no good reason to engage in

puritanical denunciation of the

spending or investment habits of the

proprietors of PT Megatech, as the

indonesian investors' company is

called. Indeed, some Indonesians

may be relieved that Tommy, having

amassed a modest fortune, is - un-

like other businessmen in the family

However, as money pours indis-criminately out of Western and Japa-

nese pension funds into Eastern prom-

ise, the Lamborghim issue reminds us

how different the leading nations of

Northeast Asia are from their cousins

South Korea, where scarce capital

was used to build, over time, a locally

owned car industry. It took 20 years,

but that industry is now challenging the products of Japan, the United

States and Europe, particularly for

lower-priced autos. Through the '70s

and most of the '80s, there was barely

It presents a contrast to the likes of

abjuring politics for cars.

in Southeast Asia, or China

but that industry is now chall

Even now, when conspicuous con-sumption is less frowned on, it is hard to imagine Korea's automotive companies diverting energy and capital into the likes of Lamborghini. Meanwhile, in Indonesia the auto It took South Korea 20 years to build a competitive domestic automobile industry. In Indonesia, two

industry is a high-cost chaos of small-volume assemblers. It badly needs young men in a hurry are taking a big short cut. the rationalization that would increase volume and broaden the comideas of government, which seem to life that permits people to spend their ponent base. But politically well-con-

nected interests stand in the way. That may change. There are tentative plans for rationalization and even production of a "national car" on the lines of Malaysia's Proton, But for now there could barely be a starker contrast than that between the needs of Indonesia's auto industry and the purchase of Lamborghini

In every country there are links between business and politics involving mutual back-scratching. But big firms and entrepreneurs in South Korea and Taiwan acquired their political influence after succeeding in business.

The Korean automaker Hyundai, for instance, received government favors, such as contracts and loans, after demonstrating success in open-ing export markets and creating internationally competitive industries. in Japan, politicians squeezed business for the money to oil the political system, but this process, however corrupt, had only marginal impact on the accumulation of corporate wealth and success. Companies have sur-

vived and prospered while politicians have been replaced — and not by their sons and daughters. In Indonesia (and to a lesser degree that matter, of Taipei.
When Koreans and Taiwanese go

in Malaysia) accumulation of serious wealth flows as much from being close to political power as from pos-sessing business acumen. The same is true in China, where party officials use "market socialism" as a cover for personal profit-making.

This might be beneficial in the long-

run if it helps spread a capitalist ethic. But it could also lead to waste of capital and growing class resentment. In Indonesia and Malaysia, the

ment of Chinese dominance of business by creating a local capital-owning class may justify the use of political power to reassign wealth. And if buying Lamborghini can im-prove Indoorsian social stability, so much the better.

But it does show up the deep differences in social and economic atti-tudes between the original "tigers" of Asian economic growth and some of the "tiger cubs," between the reality of South Korea and the symbolism of Lamborghini and Ma. Megawati.
International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: No Men Allowed BRUSSELS - The dissensions

which have for some time been existing in the Belgian Women's Rights League came to a head at the meeting to-day [Dec. 26]. The proposal that men should be entirely excluded from the committee was carried by a large majority. M. Louis Frank, a barrister. the founder and secretary of the League, left the hall amid a scene of the wildest excitement.

1918: Wilson's Welcome

LONDON - Two million Londoners to-day [Dec. 27] lined two miles of streets canopied with flags and bunting and gave a vocalerous welcome to the President of the United States. In the state carriage with the King and the Duke of Connaught, surrounded by a Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry, amid the thirds of saluting cannon, President Wilson received as

welcome unprecedented in history. London was not satisfied with the tumultuous greeting accorded during the ceremonial drive to Buckingham Palace, where the President is staying as the King's guest.

1943: Scharnhorst Sank LONDON -- From our New York

edition: | Germany's 26,000-ton battieship Scharnhorst was brought to bay yesterday [Dec. 26] off the Arctic coast of Norway by units of the British Home Fleet and sunk in a blazing battle which reduced the German Navy to two major units. Home Fleet units protecting a Russian convoy on the northern route to Murmansk forced the Scharnhorst into action offthe bleak North Cape in the site noon, an Admiratty communique an nounced, and the ship was mak during the evening. The official German D.N. H. news agency acknowledged early today, within an hour after the British Admiralty announcement, be passed between the solid lines of British Admiralty announcement, soldiers this afternoon, a popular that the Schamhorst had been sunk

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A Rebuff On Ethnic Russians

Republics Reject Yeltsin Proposal

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service MOSCOW — In a renewed display of tension over the resurgence of Russian nationalism, the former Soviet republics grouped in the Commonwealth of Independent States have rejected a Russian pro-

posal to grant special status to Rus-sians living inside their borders. The proposal was put forward by President Bons N. Yeltsin at a meeting in Turkmenistan of the leaders of the 12 countries that make up the Commonwealth. which comprises all the former Soviet republics except the three Bal-

About 25 million Russians live in former Soviet republics, the so-called near abroad. Their status has been a major issue for critics of Mr. Yeltsin, who charge that they are being treated as second-class citi-

zens, particularly in Central Asia. They specifically cite steps to discriminate against Russians in schools, take away their jobs and property, force them to learn local languages and deny them full citi-zenship rights. These issues were a rallying cry for Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the nationalist whose party did well in the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections in Russia.

Even before Mr. Zhirinovsky's success, Mr. Yehsin had complained about discrimination against his compatriots as a way of muting criticism from Russian con-

servatives. But after the strong showing of Mr. Zhirinovsky in the elections, many Commonwealth members wanted assurances that Mr. Yeltsin would not swing Russia's weight even harder on the issues of nationality and sovereignty.

NATO: New Relationship

Continued from Page 1 an Community conference in April for Baltic and East European states to draw up a "stability pact."

Europe is not in a position to dictate to the United States what its vital national interests should be, nor is anybody else in the world. On the other hand, Europe cannot wait to identify its own vital and strategic interests until the United States has made up its mind," said Sir Russell Johnston, a member of Britain's Parliament, in a report for the Western European Union, and alliance that focuses on defense.

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pare for a future where it will have to defend on its own certain vital and strategic interests it may no longer share with the United States and will have to handle under the benevolent eye, but without the ac-tive participation of, the United States," the report said.



Mr. Zhirinovsky relaxing at a pool in Sandanski after proposing a shift in Bulgaria's leadership.

Zhirinovsky, Israeli Emigré?

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service
JERUSALEM — Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist whose party captured nearly one-fourth of the vote in last week's parliamentary elections, requested and was sent an invitation to immigrate to Israel in 1983, according to two Israeli officials.

At the time, such an invitation was the first step taken by Jews toward leaving the Soviet Union. but many did not go further and formally apply to Soviet authorities for permission to leave. Since the invitations were sent through the mail, or passed along by intermediaries, it is not known if Mr. Zhirinovsky ever received the invitation or what he did with it, the officials said.

Mr. Zhirinovsky has denied being anti-Semitic. But he has engaged in ethnic name-calling, pledged to eject non-Russian minorities from Russia and suggested in a post-election news conference that Jews in Russia brought anti-Semitism on them-

His party captured the second-largest number of seats in the State Duma, or lower house, of Russia's new parliament, and Mr. Zhirinovsky, capi-talizing on popular disenchantment with President Boris N. Yeltsin's reforms, has vowed to run for president.

The request to come to Israel could shed light on a period in Mr. Zhirinovsky's past that has been

shrouded in mystery.

Many Jewish activists in Russia have said that they long regarded Mr. Zhirinovsky as Jewish, and he served as an official in a Russian Jewish cultural organization active in Moscow in the late 1980s. But Mr. Zhirinovsky has appeared reluctant to detail his family history and origins. He has said his mother was Russian and his

father a lawyer, skirting the issue of whether his father was Iewish. He has said that his father's name, Volf, is "not very familiar to the Russian

In seeking an invitation to immigrate to Israel in the period between the early 1970s and 1989, Soviet Jews had to provide information to Israeli authorities that they qualified under the Law of Return, which allows immigration by anyone who is Jewish as well as their children and grandchil-

One of the Israeli officials said he believed that Mr. Zhirinovsky qualified to receive an invitation because his father was Jewish.

In general, requests for invitations were sometimes smuggled out by couriers and given to Israeli diplomats in Europe or representatives of the Jewish Agency, which oversees immigration to Israel. according to Baruch Gur, director of the agency's branch for the former Soviet Union and Eastern

Mr. Gur said an invitation from Israel would be issued only after a Soviet Jew wrote out a request, providing basic family information, ages, addresses and correct spellings, "otherwise be wouldn't get the invitation."

The Israeli government had no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union at the time. The invitations were often issued using specific names, addresses and Israeli ID card numbers as their source even if there was no family relationship to the Soviet Jew who had requested them, Mr. Gur

To give the Soviet Jews maximum flexibility in dealing with the anthorities, the invitations never mentioned family kinship, Mr. Gur said, recalling an old jingle among Soviet Jews that went, "I have an auntie in Israel.

Russian's Remarks Rattle Bulgaria

SANDANSKI, Bulgaria — The Russian nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky shook up Bulgariana on Sunday with a proposal to replace its president with an unknown Bulgarian working as one of Mr.

Zhirinovsky's advisers. This is the future Bulgarian president, Mr. Zhirinovsky said, introducing a businessman, Svetoslav Stoilov, to reporters in this mountain resort during a private visit to the former Communist

country.

Mr. Zhirinovsky said Mr. Stoilov was his consultant on the European economy. Bulgarian-born but based in Austria, Mr. Stollov is unknown in public life here.

These are the delirious statements of a frivo-

lous politician who is trying to meddle in the internal affairs of our country," said President Zhelya Zhelev, commenting on Mr. Zhirinovsky's

Speaking to BTA, Bulgaria's official oews agen-cy, on arrival from Austria on Saturday, Mr. Zhio-

inovsky said:
"In a oumber of East European countries the it would be more beneficial to Russia if Svetoslav Stoilov becomes Bulgarian president.

"To us the most important thing is that the political leadership of the country must be changed. Your current president is a political figure of the transitional period which is coming to an end," he added.

BOOKS

IN EUROPE'S NAME: Germany and the Divided

By Timothy Garton Ash. 680 pages. \$27.50. Random House. Reviewed by Marc Fisher

C OMMUNISM collapses, Germany reunites and Europe discovers ancient suspicions and rivalries. Now comes the postmortem: Who gets credit for the revolu-tions of '89? Who shall be blamed for the confusion and tension that emerged in places whose blueprints called for a New World Order? Who was right through those post-war years of confrontation? Was it America's Cold Warriors, with their stern view of communist lead-ers as donkeys in need of a harsh prodding when they misbehaved? Or was it the West Germans, with their idea of the Soviet bloc as a warren of rabbits who would freeze if put under the spotlight and bite if

The subject is Ostpolitik, the complex but consistent effort by West German politicians from the '60s through the '80s to stabilize relations with East Germany, the Soviet Union and the rest of the East Bloc even as the superpowers lurched back and forth between de-tente and brinkmanship. While Jimmy Carter personally pressed the human rights cause, Bonn concentrated on sister city deals with East German mayors. While Ron-ald Reagan shouted "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," West German politicians invited the most corrupt of East German Communists on hunting and mountain-climbing vacations.

Germans of all political stripes these days rally around the notion that 1989 was possible only be-cause of policies associated with Willy Branch, the lase chancellor, and the former foreign minister. Hans-Dietrich Genscher — a sys-tem of payments, credits and end-less negotiations with the East, combined with infuriatingly vague talk about peace, stability and un-derstanding. In the Anglo-American world, the German approach to the East-West divide has often been derided as policies designed to support stability fiber alles, ignoring human rights violations and strength than he in fact held.

record. And who better to handle the investigation than Timothy Garton Ash, the Oxford fellow whose previous books on Central Europe have combined a reporter's eye, a student's passion and a histo-nian's care, producing essays ad-mired equally by academics and laymen. This befty volume, sup-ported by nearly 200 pages of notes, is a departure from his past works. This is traditional, rigorous history, using the papers of West German politicians and the archives of East Germany's Communnist Party and secret police to trace the motives and methods of the Bonn leadership. Garton Ash con-cindes that on the eternal question of which was more effective, de-

tente or defense, the answer is "nei-ther and both." "The Americans remained too hooked on sticks while the Germans became too partial to offering carrots," he writes. Garton Ash shows that the West German belief in the permanence of the communist system created an Ostpolitik that was allergic to reform. In Bonn, they called it quite seriously — "overcoming the stains quo by first not changing the stains quo." The West's purchase of freedom for 250,000 East Ger-mans sucked the life and creative spirit out of any indigenous dissi-dent movement. Western credits kept affoat repressive regimes that otherwise would have been forced to reform (although the burden of

In this work, examining the path toward révolutions powered from below, Garton Ash restricts his survey to policy ordained from above. The result is a superb work of research, one that will define the Who Was Right debate. But it is not the Garton Ash who captured tized into a fear of itself, the dream in earlier works the spirit and striv- of a united Europe provides a coning of the Poles and the Czechs.

Clearly pained by Bonn's antag-onism toward Poland's Solidarity protest movement, the author charges that West Germany, unlike the United States, would not let itself even dream of 1989. West German realism "underestimated the value of sacrifice (and ideal-ism). Realistic about the power of the power holders, it overlooked the power of the powerless," he writes. Ostpolitik, Garton Ash

lightening discussion of Bonn's at-tempt — both before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall — to camouflage its national interests "in Europe's name." In a country traumatized into a fear of itself, the dream venient cover. Through Ostpolitik, and now again as a fully sovereign united

The closest he comes to delving

into the German soul is in an en-

economic and political power has managed to protect its own interests even as it claims not to have

Marc Fisher, former Berlin bu-reau chief for The Washington Post, is writing a book on Germany after says, was a far more national policy the fall of the Berlin Wall. He wrote than the Germans ever admitted. this for The Washington Post.

WHAT THEY RE READING

Manfred Klans Killmann, physicist and former mayor of Ros-tock, Germany, is reading Dmitri Volkogonov's "Stalin: Triumph and

Tragedy."
"It's a good, deep analysis of his personality. For decades our city, too, was shaped by Stalmism and I wanted find out more about him." (David Molner, IHT)



BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

debt also sped the system's col-

T WO little known players from Berkeley, California, Michel Schneider and John Font, led into the two final sessions of the Blue Ribbon Pair Championship in Seattle, in November, but several famous players were in hot pursuit. Fout is a junior player who repre-sented the United States in the World Junior Team Championship in Denmark in August.

On the diagramed deal from another event, a New York expert brought home a difficult contract. Adam Wildavsky as South reached three no-trump after East had shown strength — rather more

re military threat.

A spade was led to the king, block the queen on the next trick.

Partisan argument aside, histori- which was allowed to win. The next In the endgame East could have

queen. The diamond linesse was almost sure to lose, and a direct attempt to establish a heart trick was hopeless: East would take three more spade tricks as well as the heart ace for down one.

South therefore ran all his clubs, putting pressure on East. That player eventually gave up a spade to keep his heart ace and guarden diamond king and was given the lead with a heart. He had to lead from the diamond king at the fin-ish, and Wildawsky made his game.

A more subtle defense would have prevailed. If East had played the spade jack on the first trick; his partner would not have had to unans can now begin looking at the spade lead was perforce won with given his partner the lead in spades

the ace and West unblocked his to permit a diamond lead through dummy's A-Q. NORTH(D) 0 AQ4 4 A J 9 8 3 2 32 EAST + KJ653 VA986 + K75 + 6 SOUTH

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Israel May Offer Larger Jericho Enclave

JERUSALEM - In a concession to Palestinians. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin told his cabinet on Sunday that Israel was ready to double the size of the autonomous enclave around the West Bank town of Jericho, Israeli

The report came on the eve of a meeting Monday in Cairo between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Ahbas, a senior aide to the Palestine Liberation Organization

chairman, Yasser Arafat. They were to make the third attempt in nine days to reach a compromise to clear the way for the start of Israeli withdrawal.

"If we doo't make meaningful progress in this round in Cairo, it will oot be a very good and two adjacent refugee camps.

sign for the negotiations," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, a member of the Israeli negotiating team, in an interview with Israeli

radio after the cabinet meeting.

Other ministers, speaking after the meeting, said that Israel would insist on retaining control over border crossings from Egypt and Jordan into Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

The size of the Jericho region and control over the border crossings have been the law.

over the border crossings have been the two main sticking points in the Israel-PLO oegonia-

Israeli radio said that Israel would offer to withdraw from about 50 square kilometers, oearly double its opening offer of 27 square kilometers, that included the town of Jeriebo However, Mr. Rabin told the cabinet that Israel would not agree to let the autonomous region reach the Dead Sea to the south or include any Jewish settlements, said Trade Minister Micha Harish.

The Tel Aviv daily Ha aretz said that Mr. Peres had offered the Palestinians a compromise under which the territory between the autonomous regioo and the Dead Sea would be used for joint Israeli-Palestinian tourism and business ventures.

The paper quoted Nissim Zvili, a leading figure in Mr. Rabin's Labor Party, as saying that Mr. Arafat was leaning toward accepting the offer. Mr. Zvili met with Mr. Arafat last

MAO: Centennial of His Birth Is Sensitive Milestone

Continued from Page 1

in failing health. But his presence was nonetheless felt. In an bourlong address, Mr. Jiang asserted that even "Comrade Deng Xisoping" had once "pointed out that Comrade Mao Zedoog's contribution comes first and his mistakes in his later years come second."

"His mistakes are the mistakes of a great revolutionary, a great Marxist," Mr. Jiang said.

"Cornrade Deng Xiaoping." Mr. Jiang said, "combined the basic principles of Marxism with the reality of China and inherited and developed Mao Zedoug thought to put forward his "theory for building socialism with Chinese that was built at Mao's bebest in 10 characteristics," the party slogan that refers to building a market-oriented economy under Communist Party rule.

political choreography the Com-munist Party is undertaking to insure that upon Mr. Deng's death, power passes seamlessly to Mr. gist and theoretician, and a great fiang, who already holds all of the titles that would make him the next oa's modern history."

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dards are tight.

warning to the staff that tribal stan-

More important, Mr. Brown, who also exchanges the latest gaming intelligence with Las Vegas and

Atlantic City operators, says he urges other tribes to duplicate a key

Connecticut requirement in the

tribal gaming compact for thorough criminal and professional background checks of each employee and sizable outside contrac-

The key to the tribal casino

boom has been the Supreme

Court's modern decisions bolster-

ing the sowereignty and business prerogatives of Indians.

Pressure is growing in Congress

CASINOS: New Days for Indians

ans to me."

paramount leader - as he was designated by Mr. Deng in 1989. But many Chinese and Western analysts say they believe Mr. Jiang lacks the requisite leadership skill to maintain power and could be replaced in the same manner that Hua Guoleng, Mao's designated successor, was eased out by Mr.

Sunday's editions of major newspapers did not carry photographs of Mao, as if to emphasize the point that the commemoration was not meant to rebuild the political Maoist cult that ooce took deep root in the party, but to keep Mao planted,

months in the late 1950s, there were red banners with slogans, a military band and chorus banging out patriist Party rule.

one tunes under the gleaming giant
Mr. Jiang's speech is part of the
red star fixed in the ceiling 30 yards

above the podium. Mr. Jiang proclaimed Mao "a proletarian revolutionary, a strategist and theoretician, and a great

to curtail this billion-dollar tribal

power, and while the Indians oow

bave more lobbying withal of their

own, they are aware that any seri-

seized upon as typical by critics like

Mr. Trump. He angers some tribal leaders and amuses others with his

But he also pointed out, as have a sheaf of the party's official organs in recent weeks, that it was Mr. Deng who brought the party back to a path of economic reconstruction and prosperity.

Mr. Jiang was alone among the inner circle of leaders wearing a crisply tailored Mao suit of the style fashionable in the buttonedup Mao years. Also present four seats to Mr. Jiang's right was Yang Shangkun, the former president who lost his leadership posts in late 1992 and early 1993. The presidency was assumed by Mr. Jiang and rumors of a strong rivalry between

the two men persist.

Mr. Yang left the dais about a third of the way through Mr.

Jiang's speech.

Mao died in September 1976, nearly three decades after be declared the founding of the People's Republic of China from atop the Gate of Heavenly Peace on the oorth side of the square. Mao's sarcophogus is near the center of the square and has been visited by millions of tourists. Mr. Jiang led the assembled leadership to view the embalmed corpse of Mao after the ceremony in the Great Hall.

During his rule, millions of Chinese were persecuted, imprisoced or killed during his campaigns. Chief among these were the antirightist campaign of 1957 and the Cultural Revolution that raged from 1966 to 1976, when Mao died.

A prominent member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences who adous reservation scandal would be. vocates a new democratic movement in China, Xu Liangying, 73, said of the ceremony. The Soviets don't commemorate Stalin, and complaint, as a casino manager 150 years after the birth of Mao the threatened by Indian competition, Chinese will certainly not comthat more and more tribes are com- memorate Mao."

ing forward led by gambling pro-ponents who "don't look like Indi-dissident, Wei Jingsheng, said that some elements of the party contin-Mr. Miller takes this not as im- ued to deily Mao as a means to plicit racism but as a measure that attack Mr. Deng and his protèges Indians look more and more like for their economic reforms, which established entrepreneurs who are will lead to dismantling of the tramastering the gaming industry with ditional command economy dominated by state planners.

Mitterrand Reportedly **Got Cash**

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

PARIS - A judge investigating the affairs of a prominent French businessman who died in March 1989 while facing charges for insider trading bas concluded that the man made regular cash payments to President François Mitterrand and his son, according to a French

The newsweekly Le Point quoted extensively from a confidential report by the judge that asserted the businessman paid 293,000 francs, about \$50,000 at the current rate, to Mr. Mitterrand from 1972 to 1980 when Mr. Mitterrand was an opposition leader and 579,429 francs to his son, Gilbert, from 1981 to 1989.

Responding to the report, the Elysée Palace said "none of this infor-mation" related to the period after Mr. Mitterrand's election to the presidency on May 10, 1981. Before this date, "it could only be related to François Mitterrand's professional activities as a lawyer," it said.

But the statement made no reference to the reported payments to Mr. Mitterrand's son, nor did it ad-dress assertions by Judge Thierry Jean-Pierre that the businessman, Roger-Patrice Pelat, frequently profited from his decades-old riendship with Mr. Mitterrand.

In February, Judge Jean-Pierre disclosed that Mr. Pelat made an interest-free loan of one million francs to Pierre Bérégovoy in 1986. Although Mr. Beregovoy, a Socialist, was not in government when he received the loan, be was prime minister when it was revealed.

in his new report, the judge said he had found oo documents to sup-port assertions that Mr. Beregovoy had repaid the loan. Mr. Beregovoy committed suicide in May.

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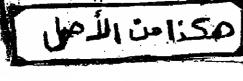
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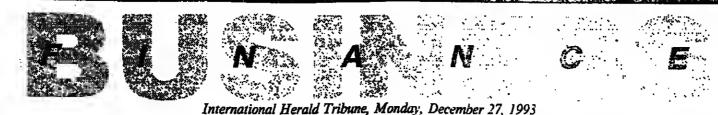
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CAPITAL MARKETS

French State Jobless Fund Considers Big Debt Issue

By Sylviane de Saint-Seine Bloomberg Business News

ARIS - Unedic, the French social security agency that pays unemployment benefits, is set to borrow up to 33 billion French francs (\$5.7 billion) in the next few weeks to repay its debts, a government official said. The French government has already pledged its guarantee for that amount. The official, who asked not to be identified, said Unedic had not decided that whether its contraction of the contraction o decided yet whether it would raise the money through a bank credit or a bond, nor has it calculated how much exactly it needs.

"It should make up its mind soon and raise the funds in the next few weeks," he said. Unedic was not available for commer Part of the money will go to reimburse debt of 18 billion francs to

another agency dealing within pensions. The official said the debts had been accumulated in get was balanced.

the past, and that the 1994 bud- has become a major The gaping social security worry for authorities. deficit has become a major wor-

ry for French authorities, even more so than the state's budget shortfall, slated at 300 billion francs

Edmond Alphandery said at a press conference that the state's budget deficit was under control but that tough decisions would have to be taken to rein in social security spending.

Last summer, the government had agreed with employers and trade unions on measures to save the unemployment insurance system. Labor Minister Michel Girand had said at the time that the system, which is managed jointly by unions and employers, had been facing bankruptcy because of record unemployment of more than 3 million people. By October, French unemployment was 12.0 percent of the labor force, or 3.3 million people.

The summer agreement stipulated that workers would pay 0.35 ercent more into the system, while the government would pay 10 billion francs a year toward meeting the system's deficit.

The package was expected to raise an extra 20 billion francs a year for the system. Mr. Girand said at the time that it should enable the fund to pay off its debts over a decade.

Japan's Ministry of Home Affairs said it would allow local Japan's Ministry of Home Affairs said it would allow local governments to increase issuance of bonds by 582 billion yen (\$5.25 billion) during the fiscal year through March 1994 to finance public works projects, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun newspaper said. As a result, local governments will probably issue a total of 13.6 trillion yen in bonds this fiscal year, the paper said.

The central government urged local governments to increase public spending as part of the emergency stimulus package unveiled in September. Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa said the government is considering further measures to stimulate the economy.

ment is considering further measures to stimulate the economy. Carl Gewirtz is on vacation.

China Slows Planned Currency

Unification

TOKYO -China plans to unify its dual foreign-exchange rates into a single system next spring instead of Jan. I, a Chinese official said over the weekend, according to a Kyodo news service report. Kyodo reported early Monday that the rates would be unified next spring rather than on Jan. 1, as had been planned. The Japanese news-paper Nihon Keizai Shimbun also

reported the delay.

The official, who was not named. said Saturday that the government would first phase out its foreignexchange certificates, which are used by foreigners in China.

Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongii originally issued instruc-tions to establish a single exchange system on Jan. 1, but he put off the change until late March or early April because more preparation time was needed, Kyodo quoted the official as saying. Dual exchange rates currently

are set by the government.
Under the standard rate, the dollar equals about 5.7 year, but the dollar is valued at about 8.7 yuan at foreign exchange swap centers used by foreign companies operating in China and Chinese companies do-ing business abroad. The official said that exchange certificates would be collected over a six-

month period to avoid confusion. The official said interbank trading in foreign currencies would be allowed after the single system was implemented.

■ China Plans VAT Tax

China is preparing to levy a valne-added tax on foreign ventures this week, when the nation's biggest tax changes in four decades of communist rule take effect, the official Economic Information Daily reported Sunday, according to a Bloomberg Business News dis-

The country's top tax official said that the overall tax burden for com-panies operating in China would not change in spite of the introduction of the new value-added taxes, a consumption tax on luxury goods and a sales tax on service companies.
"In general these reforms only

restructure the tax system without increasing overall tax burdens, so they will not lead to price rises," Jin Xin, director of the State Taxation

reform process, the paper said.

The value-added tax is expected to be the treasury's main income source, levied at all stages of produc-

PCs: U.S. Beachhead in Japan

By Evelyn Richards

Washington Past Service
TOKYO — In a huge six-story outlet in
Tokyo's garish Akihabara electronics district,
Masatoshi Kanno, a local government workmasatosni kanno, a local government work-er on his lunch hour, pauses by a display of personal computers from Texas-based Dell Computer Corp. Mr. Kanno, who owns a laptop computer made by NEC Corp. of Japan, is intrigued by certain features and hy Dell's relatively low price.

But be is wary of switching brands when be upgrades. "Everyone is using it." he said of NEC. "No one I know uses IBM-compa-

That he would even consider a Dell illustrates how far U.S. personal computer vendors have come in the year since they began aggressively marketing in Japan. At the same time, his cautious nature underscores bow far the U.S. companies still have to go.

With their assault on the Japanese computer industry, American PC makers "have stuck a harpoon into the whale," said John Stern, chief of the American Electronics Association's Ja more choice and significantly lower orices.

pan office. But they haven't landed it yet." The drive began in earnest on Oct. i, 1992, when Houston-based Compaq Computer Corp., in a move memorialized here as the Kompakku Shokku, or Compaq Shock, abruptly undercut Japanese PC list prices by 50 percent. Other U.S. IBM-compatible makers — Digital Equipment Corp., Dell and International Business Machines Corp. itself soon joined the nascent price war.

The Japanese PC market, the world's second-largest, has not been the same since. In the past year, the market has been shaken by fierce price-cutting, a stanoardization drive led by IBM, a highly successful campaign by Apple Computer Inc. and the local debut of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows software.

By transplanting U.S. technology, marketing and sales tactics to Japan, a bandful of U.S. companies have jolted the practices and profits of Japan's industrial giants. They have begun to crack this nation's rigid distribution system - long a target of U.S. government and industry complaints. Thanks to U.S. companies, the PC buyer bere now faces

U.S. companies are reaping some benefits. Several are increasing staff, boosting advertising, and they say, making profits. Combined, their market share has nearly doubled over the past two years, from 12.5 percent of units sold in 1991 to an estimated 23 percent this year, according to the market research organization International Data Corp.

Bolstering the American presence, 100 U.S. "packaged" software companies now have offices here, and the new Japanese version of Windows has sold 700,000 copie since May, apparently on track to reach Microsoft's first-year goal of 1 million.

But a funny thing happened on the way to a market victory for the U.S. side. Japanese computer companies, faced with aggressive new competition, hegan to play by the new rules. They adopted many U.S. moves, including virtually matching the low prices. By joining in the price war, the Japanese companies reinforced the U.S. bunch that price does matter in Japan in spite of a popular notion of the 1980s that consumers here will buy

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Mitsubishi Chemical Units to Join

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service TOKYO - Mitsubishi Kasei Corp. plans to acquire Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co., an affiliate of Royal Dutch/Shell Group, in a stock-swap takeover worth about 277.68 billion ven (\$2.51 billion)

that would create one of the 10 larg-

est chemical companies in the world Mitsubishi Kasei, one of Japan's largest general chemical manufacturers, and Mitsubishi Petrochemical, the country's biggest petro-chemical concern, announced the deal on Friday. It would create a company, tentatively called Mitsubishi Chemical Co., with annual

sales of more than \$14 billion. Terms call for each Mitsubishi Petrochemical sbare to be exchanged for 1.3 Kasei shares. Kasei would issue 641.3 million new shares in a transaction valued at about \$2.5 billion. Executives said the move was in

part an effort to cut costs amid a severe economic slump that is driv-

ing both companies toward losses in this fiscal year. But a bigger regarded as the minimum quantity motivation, they said, was to make the companies part of a bigger and more competitive entity.

"We have to compete with the big global companies," saio Masa-hiko Furukawa, president of Mitsubishi Kasci.

Unlike its automotive, electronic and steel industries, Japan's chemical industry has barely been a player on the world stage. It oot only lags well behind the world leaders in the United States and Europe but also faces stiff competition from South Korea and Taiwan, which have lower costs and have

been expanding their capacity. Part of Japan's problem is that it lacks the petroleum and energy resources needed by the industry, But another factor is that Japan's industry is fragmented into small companies that lack economies of scale.

In Japan, for instance, 12 companies split an ethylene market of 6 million metric tons a year, while in

one another of annual sales needed for a company to survive, according in Nicholas D. Smith, an analyst with Jar-

dine Fleming Securities in Tokyo. When the two 1970s oil crises shook out the petrochemical industries in the West, Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry organized Japan's industry into cartels and spread production cuts around, rather than letting smaller or less efficient companies fail.

Mitsubishi Kaset ranked 13th in Fortune magazine's list of the world's largest chemical companies in 1992, with revenue of \$9.55 billion. The merged company would rank ninth on that list, with sales of \$13.7 billion, still well behind the industry leader, Du Pont Co., at

The merger partners are both part of the Mitsubishi group, a family of companies - known in

members often bold small stakes in

Mitsubishi Kasei and other companies in the Mitsubishi group formed Mitsubishi Petrochemical in 1956, with help from Royal

Kasei shares closed Friday at 427 yen share, down 16 on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, while shares of the petrochemical company finished at 611, down 19. Trading in the two

stocks was suspended when the Akira Miura, president of the petrochemical company, is to become president of the new company, while Mr. Furukawa, the president of Kasei, is in be chairman.

A spokesman for Mitsubishi Kasei said the companies had oo plans for layoffs or plant closures after the merger, although the two adjacent plants will be combined for

Orders Slip for U.S. Tools

Foreign Demand Slow in November

WASHINGTON — Orders for machine tools made in the United States fell for the second consecu-nive month in November, the Association for Manufacturing Tech-

nology said Sunday.

The figures showed that orders from abroad had continued in shrink as a result of recession in Europe and Japan. Exports in November dropped 27.5 percent from October, to \$14.25 million. They were down 21.7 percent from a fig-ure of \$18.20 million a year ago.

The result was not expected to ruin the industry's order book for the year, which is already running well ahead of 1992.

Machine tool orders in November slid 4 percent, to \$241.20 million, from in October. But the total was up a massive 49.5 percent, from \$161.30 million, in November 1992, said the trade association.

Orders for the first 11 months of the year totaled \$2.97 billion, up 30.6 percent from a year ago. Machine tools are used to shape Dutch/Sbell. Mitsubishi Kasei owns 4.7 percent of the petrochem- and cut metal to make goods rang-

ical company, and various Shell af. ing from toys to weapons. Econo-filiates own a combined 22 percent. ders as an indicator of the bealth of the broader manufacturing industry in the United States. Albert Moore, president of the association, said the total of orders

for the year to date was promising.
"In fact, 1993 will be the best bookings year for the machine tool in-dustry since the \$3.5 billion posted in 1988." he said. Shipments of machine tools in

November were up 12.7 percent from October, to \$258.35 million, and had climbed 22 percent, from \$21 1.80 million, a year ago.

The machine tool order backlog for November was \$1.48 billion, down from \$1.5 billion in October

AT&T Sets

\$1 Billion

Spending of

NEW DELHI - American

Telephone & Telegraph Co. has proposed investing \$1 bil-

lion in India's telecommunications sector over a 10-year period. The Economie Times

The proposal, which AT&T submitted to India's foreign

investment promotion board,

calls for the company to huild an upgraded telecommunica-

tions network and transfer it

to the country's domestic op-erator. AT&T would also offer

consumer products, computers and multimedia services.

AT&T bas been in India for

seven years and has two joint

ventures with the Tata group to make switching and transmission equipment.

reported.

Executives Urge India's Finance Chief to Stay On

ers urged the prime minister over financial circles. the weekend not to accept the resignation of Finance Minister Man-

Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on

Thursday after being cited in a

stock-scandal investigation. Word

Dishes Ready for TV's First Course

tial market entrants alike.

machine to profit-maker has been an educa-

tion for local network executives and poten-

middle of programs, as it is done abroad,"
Mr. Phuong said. "But we got many letters of
complaint, so we stopped it. We have to listen
to our viewers, and they just don't want to be

Saigon, it is catching up with the southern business capital in corruption as well. Wealth is being created overnight as Viet-

nam jettisons a planned economy and em-braces capitalism and with it new opportuni-

ties for influence-peddling and petty thievery

in the name of getting things done.

One successful Hanoi businessman leading

a medium-sized private company through the

mill of competition with state-owned compamiss and burdles imposed by bureaucrats said the situation was "difficult but manageable." But at the end of an interview about the

pros and cons of running a small business in

Hanoi, the young manager changed his mind about being profiled.

"If I appear in a foreign newspaper and anyone finds ont, the word will get around quickly," he said. "It could cause trouble, and "I have beine I now will go unit price."

I'm sure all the bribes I pay will go up in price because they'll think I'm famous."

Now that Vietnam is again eligible for World Bank, International Monetary Fund

Niche Work, but Plenty of It

Learning the Price of Fame As Hanoi moves to catch up on deal-making ground lost to Ho Chi Minh City, the former

"We tried putting the advertising in the

Mr. Jim told tax bureau heads mohan Singh, saying Mr. Singh's departure would threaten India's they should strive to maintain foreign companies' favorable taxation moves toward a market economy: treatment in China throughout the

tion at 17 percent for most products and at 13 percent for staple goods, the paper quoted Mr. Jin as saying.

Hanoi Notebook

Signs of increasing prosperity abound along Hanoi's Giang Vo Avenue, where kalei-

doscopic arrays of ceramic bathroom fixtures

compete for shoppers' attention and nearly as many satellite dishes bitter the grounds of Vietnam Television's headquarters.

"There will be dramatic changes here next year," VTV's Nguyen Van Phuong said, looking at the big dish collection, most of it donated by international broadcasters eager to crack a market of 68 million potential riggers new closed to foreigners.

Hanos has signaled it is ready to allow one or two foreign broadcasters into Victnam, spenking a rush of suitors and gifts of pro-

gramming and technology.

The offerings have reached a point where Mr. Phuong estimates that half of the coun-

try's programming is now from foreign sources, though little of it actually had to be

Although Rupert Murdoch's Hong Kong-based STAR TV is rumored to be a front-rumer for a leading role in Vietnam, the

country is accepting other proposals and ap-pears reluctant to bring in other channels until its state-controlled broadcaster is on a

"Instead of complaining about the inva-sion from the sky, we have to be ready for it at the beginning," said Mr. Phuong, flipping through an impressive stack of business cards left by would-be foreign competitors.

To that end, VTV has taken control of

provincial stations that were administered by local Communist Party people's committee

and moved to centralize advertising sales and purchases of equipment and programming. But VIV's transition from propaganda

stronger competitive footing.

viewers now closed to foreigners.

Compiled by Our Staff From Departmer of his move leaked out late Friday NEW DELHI — Business lead-and caused shock in corporate and

There was oo further word fr the prime minister's office after a statement Friday night saving Mr. Rao was studying the matter, al-though an official of Mr. Rao's Mr. Singh, the architect of In-Congress (I) Party said "efforts will dia's 30-month-old program of be made" to persuade Mr. Singh to free-market innovations, said he had sent his resignation to Prime withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Singh said it was up to Mr. Rao to decide whether to accept his resignation and said he would re-

main in office until the prime min-Mr. Singh, a former World Bank step down.

economist, offered his resignation after being accused by a parliamentary team of investigators of negligence contributing to a \$1.3 billion banking and securities scandal that broke last spring. The panel said a failure to en-

and Asian Development Bank loans, foreign

builders are flocking in for an expected infra-

In a bid in become competitive with the

newcomers, nine state and private companies have formed the Thang Long Investment Construction Group, in a joint venture unique for Vietnam.

Thang Long, 70 percent-controlled by pri-vate investors, plans to branch into property development and to renovate some French-

But it may find meeting Western renova-tion standards a challenge.

The ravages of war and a shortage of de-

mand for craftsmen's skills since Ho Chi

Minh drove out the French have drastically

thinned the ranks of those capable of the delicate work required to faithfully renovate,

while modernizing, the crumbling villas that

make Hanoi Asia's most graceful capital city.

when the plans said wiring and plumbing should be hidden in the walls," said Sam

Russell, a former Paris-based American con-tractor now involved in Hanoi renovation

"For many years in Vietnam, only the well-off could afford new wiring or plumbing, and besides it cost extra to conceal it." said Mr.

Russell, who is introducing the use of power hand tools to his colleagues. "As a result, wires and pipes became status symbols that you wanted to show off, not bury inside the walls."

Kevin Murphy

"At first the men thought we were crazy

structure and renovation hoom.

hmilt villas as well.

force banking regulations had led to the scandal, which ruined many small investors when disclosure of illegal activities caused the stock market to plummet. Two other

ministers also were named in the report, but they have refused to

Leading industriansis and head of the Bombay Stock Ex-Leading industrialists and the change voiced concern that for Mr. Singh to leave his job could seriously damage foreign investors' confidence in the Indian economy and its steps toward liberalizing the

country's markets.

Mr. Rao. 72, has publicly pledged to punish those found guilty in connection with the scan-dal, But V. N. Gadgil, a spokesman for the governing party, said last week that Mr. Singh need not re-sign, because the panel's comment on his role and that of his ministry was general in nature.

The report of the parliamentary inquiry said four foreign-owned banks were at the beart of the scandal. The four - ANZ Grindlays of Australia, Standard Chartered PLC, based in Britain, and Bank of America and Citibank of the United States - have since fired or transferred several executives.

The scandal involved the diversion of funds from the government securities market for speculation on the booming Bombay stock market. It also has led to the arrest of one senior government official and several Indian bankers and brokers since June.

Mr. Singh has led India's attempt to change from a socialist style to a market-oriented economy. In slightly more than two years, the government has scrapped licensing controls, reduced tariffs and dismantled foreign-investment and import bar-riers, leading to surge in foreign investment in India.

"It will be a disaster if the prime minister accepts his resignation," said Adi Godrej, one of India's top industrialists. "It would be the most regressive development in re-cent months." (UPI, AFP) ■ Stock Markets Reopen

Indian stock prices fell slightly Friday after brokers ended a nineday standoff with market regulators that had paralyzed the nation's bourses, Agence France-Presse re-ported from Bombay.

The 30-share Bombay Stock Exchange sensitive index, which opened at 3.373.03 points, closed at 3,362.48 after an hour of trading, while the national index slipped 2 points after opening at 1,620.25. Trading was described as slow to moderate moderate. A broker, Mahesh Doshi, said

traders had returned after reaching a compromise agreement with the Securities and Exchange Board of India, hut a spokesman for the Bombay exchange, Bbanu Sanghvi, said the brokers had returned un-

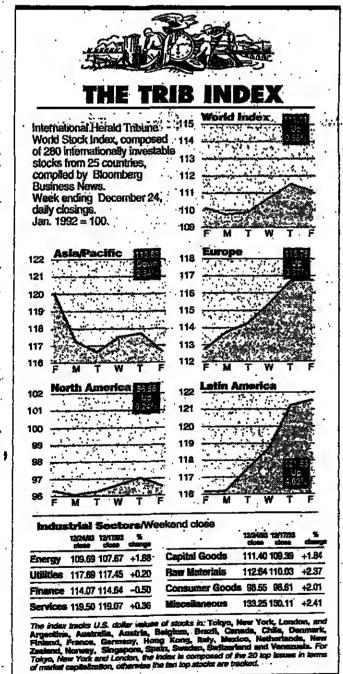
Traders in Bomhay, New Delhi, Calcutta and Ahmedabad went on strike Dec. 13 after regulators took steps aimed at ending what they called excessive speculation and ordered brokers to square their accounts by mid-January.

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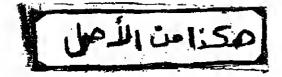
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U.S. Heads For a Year Of Growth

By John M. Berry Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - The American economy is ending the year on a strong note and appears to have enough momentum that both private and government ecocom say they expect sustained growth of about 3 percent next year.

Reports of rising incomes, con-sumer spending and orders for durable goods last week bolstered estimates the economy was growing at an annual rate of about 4.5 percent in the final three months of 1993.

Employment growth also bas picked up in recent months. The unemployment rate, at 6.4 percent in November, was down almost a percentage point from a year ago.

Despite the accelerating growth and falling unemployment, inflation has not shown signs of becoming a problem. Encouraged by that, Fed-eral Reserve Board officials have seen no need to raise short-term interest rates from their lowest levels

There were hints in data released Thursday that consumers, while increasing spending substantially, were still not buying as vigorously as some analysts had predicted.

Consumer spending appears to be rising at a 3.5 percent to 4.0 percent annual rate this quarter, compared with 4.4 percent in the July-September period, when the economy grew at 2.9 percent a year.

But this was offset by reports indicating business spending for equipment and rising housing construction would take up the slack.

Capital-goods spending "could easily be up at a 25 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter." after inflation, said Bruce Steinberg. manager of macroeconomic analysis for Merrill Lynch & Co. A growing orders backlog means the "momentum will carry into 1994," he said.

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Mitsui Toatsu

forces too complex for them to understand. The anger is directed not so much against outsiders as against Chancellor Helmut Kohl. When hard times fell after the post-unification boom, he told voters that he was wrong in 1990 when he promised that no one would be worse off after the country came together. Now he has been telling Germans to tighten their belts and get used to lower wages and fewer welfare benefits if they want to keep jobs in Germany instead of losing them to more competitive

Mr. Kohl urged wage restraint and warned of budget cuts and high unemployment in an interview published Sunday, as his finance minister vowed not to increase taxes and called for a public sector wage freeze, Agence France-Presse reported from Bonn.

["I respect wage freedom and I don't get involved in it, but I must say clearly: there must

be moderate wage agreements," he said in a newspaper interview. ["We must expect a large number of unem-ployed in 1994," he added, warning that the introduction of a four-day week by Volkswagen

and the mining industry.]
"My advice to Kohl is to start slimming down himself before he starts asking the rest of us to," said Willi Geskes, 45, an electrician at the Thyssen plant. "The politicians should set an example of how to cut waste, instead of putting the whole burden on our shoulders."

After 11 years in power in Bonn, Mr. Kohl and his Christian Democrats have sunk to their lowest point in national public-opinion polls since unification. With a string of local, state and regional elections set for next year and a national election coming in October, the chancellor's position seems vulnerable as emphoria is replaced by harsh disillusionment. In an interview with the daily Die Welt

before Christmas, former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said he credited Mr. Kohl with "seizing the opportunity instinctively."
"But," said Mr. Kohl's predecessor, "I also

believe that the way unification was then carried out was to some extent catastrophically

The brief boom was followed by a recession that was only partly a result of the worldwide economic slowdown that began in the United States much earlier.

In East Germany, unification did not mean the instant prosperity that many expected. In fact, it appears that it will take at least a decade to make fiving standards in the East equal to

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Japanese, whatever the cost.
The Japanese price slashing has effectively neutralized the initial U.S. edge. Low prices are now needed, but are not enough, for U.S. concerns to gain ground. Recently, American computer makers have batched a slew of marketing.

have hatched a slew of marketing

schemes to stir demand, but the quick rejoinders by lapanese com-petitors, coupled with their

strength in service and distribution,

Mr. Schmidt and others blame the severity of

the loss of economic confidence in Germany on the fact that state, local and federal governments financed the reconstruction of the East's dilapidated infrastructure with budget delicits totaling 7 to 7.5 percent of the gross national product this year, a postwar record, according to the Bundesbank. The independent central bank had to slam the brakes on money-supply growth by raising interest rates, and business growth planmeted.

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Nationwide, unemployment has now risen to about 10 percent of the labor force. It is hard to tell precisely, because even three years after unification the government keeps separate statistics for Past and West.

German labor costs make it difficult to create jobs as fast as they are being lost. Many German companies have moved assembly lines to the Czech Republic because hourly wages and fringe benefits there are a tenth of what th

For years, German industrial workers have been among the best paid in the Western world,

What you see in the faces of young workers and trainces nowadays is

Thomas Kennel, a union official.

with hourly wages nearly double those of Amer-Workers in France and in Belgium bave waged bitter strikes and angry demonstrations in fierce resistance to the notion that their living standards may have to suffer in the short run to assure them of jobs over the longer term. German workers do not like it either, but for the

ed pay cuts this year to save jobs. in the Ruhr, the traditional Christmas markets dispensed wine, cookies and tree orna-ments in the pedestrian zones of Duisburg and most other cities, but the stores filled with luxury goods began cutting prices in late No-

first time since World War II, they have accept-

The Thyssen plant here plans to lay off 10,000 workers over the next year; on top of tens of thousands more it has let go since 1989. Rolf Bulck, 57, said his colleagues would probably be prepared to accept a wage settlement this year that might leave them with a net loss of income after 3.5 to 4 percent inflation. That, he the government parties in Bonn are thinking of

ported from Tokyo.

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COMPUTER: U.S. Firms Gain Ground in Japan

NEC, with \$30 billion in annual

sales, makes half the PCs sold in Japan, and its roughly 1.2 million PCs sold this year will overwhelm the estimated 210,000 IBMs and 35,000 Compaqs, International Data Corp. figured.

Tokyo to Spar Economy

GERMANY: Recovery Remains Elusive Three Years After Berlin Wall gaining by asking companies staggering under the impact of recession and cheap imports from Eastern Europe and other low-wage areas for

wage increases over the next year of 5.5 percent, plus unspecified "job security measures." Few, including Mr. Bulck, expect to get it. "What you see in the faces of young workers and trainees cowadays is fear," said Thomas Kennel, a union official. "People are afraid of losing jobs.

In the Ruhr, workers are feeling many of the same economic pressures that shattered the Communist industrial economy in the East.

The sudden transition from a planned economy to a free market based on the Dentsche mark made many overstaffed enterprises and factories in the East bankrupt overnight. In the West, the advent of increased competition has suddenly made generous German fringe benefits, wage levels and vacation entitlements un-

Coal from the Ruhr has also been in decline for decades, because mining it deep under-ground is uncompetitive against cheaper coal from open pits in Poland or the United States, a fact that does not prevent the German govern-ment from sinking billions in subsidies into it every year to insure supplies to electricity plants and protect the few jobs that are left. The money, the equivalent of about a quarter of all German government expenditure on research and technology, is raised by a special 7.5 per-cent tax on electricity bills that will rise to 8.5

percent next year. Even so, coal-mining jobs are steadily disappearing. Ten years ago, there were more than 130,000 coal miners in the Ruhr, more than there are in all of West Germany now. Today fewer than 90,000 still earn their living under-

· Earlier, coal mines and labor unions made the reductions as painless as possible, reducing employment by about 5,000 people a year by attrition and early retirement. But now, miners face the possibility of joblessness for the first time in Germany's postwar history.

To avoid it, a major miners' union and mine owners agreed on a four-day week for the coming year that would reduce miners' takehome pay by about 10 percent.

But few officials see the shorter work week as anything but a temporary solution to a long-term problem. Coal mining will oever be profitable here without government subsidies, and said, was better than no jobs at all.

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U.S. stamp on the Japanese market.

Now a sole Japanese giant, NEC, is left touting a proprietary design, and bere the battle lines are drawn.

Hosokawa outlined a six-point plan to stimulate the economy and said he had instructed ministers to compile details of the package by midpile details of the package by mid-January, Agence France-Presse re-Mr. Hosokawa, who said after assuming power in August that he would step down if he failed to achieve political reform by the end of the year, pledged Friday to pass the legislation by Jan. 29, when the Japan's Prime Minister Monihiro current session of parliament ends. Weekly Sales Dec. 23 Liber Rates 600.60 593.50 + 1.20 % London p.m. fix.\$ 386.60 386.50 + 0.00 %

Bond Market Refuses to Give Ground

NEW YORK — Although many investors say the U.S. economy will expand in coming months, there is little evidence that bond traders

U.S. CREDIT MARKETS foresee a significant rise in interest

rates accompanying the gains. Treasury bond prices rose last week, despite indications of economic expansion. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond ended Thursday at 6.21 percent, down from 6.28 percent a week earlier, as the issue's price gained 28/32 point, to 100 15/32. The market was closed Friday for the Christ-

Although the 30-year issue's yield is above the lows of about 5.79 percent hit in mid-October, it is well below the 7.32 percent at which those securities began the year.

At the short-term end of the market, two-year Treasury notes slipped 3/32, to 100 3/32. Their yield was unchanged at 4.18 percent. The gap between two-year and 30-year fears of inflation are abating.

Fed Held Line in November

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - The Federal Open Market Committee voted unanimously in November to hold interest rates steady, according to

the newly released minutes of the meeting. The committee, the policy-making panel of the Federal Reserve System, voted Nov. 16 to continue a neutral monetary policy, not biased toward easing or tightening credit, reflecting the view that economic growth was continuing at a moderate pace with no signs of an increase in inflationary pressures.

The minutes did show, however, that the committee noted some signs of inflation and that several members appeared to envisage an eventual increase in interest rates.

The report said that committee members "recognized the desirability of taking early action" to "arrest incipient inflationary pressures before they gathered strength." But it said that "current measures of inflation from around the oation" did oot "on the whole" suggest an intensification of price pressures now

The committee adopted its current neutral stance in August backing away from a bias toward tightening interest rates that it held since May. The minutes of the November meeting were released late Thursday, in keeping with the central bank's policy of disclosing details of its meetings several weeks later. (AFX, Knight-Ridder)

yields, therefore, narrowed to 203 recent indicators pointing to an ex- little higher than many participants basis points from 210. a sign that pansion of the U.S. economy. had expected. Yields at the five-Analysts said the main reason

year auction were 5.129 percent. Investors looked past a rise of 2.0 for the rise in bond prices was down from 5.20 percent at the prepercent in durable goods orders for strong bidding at auctions of twovious sale on Nov. 23.

November, reported Thursday, year and five-year ootes last week.

The gain exceeded forecasts of 1.5

The Treasury sold the two-year way to describe activity, said Jack percent and was part of a series of notes at a yield of 4.28 percent, a McIntyre, senior fixed income ana-

lyst at Technical Data, a division of Thomson Financial Services. Traders reacted positively to

the five-year auction, which showed good demand. This ignited a wave of short-covering in bonds that seemed to build oo itself as prices traded through several key lechnical levels."

Yet many professionals are wary of bonds. Roger Marshall, president of Riggs Investment Management Corp., is not buying any. He said be sold \$17 million in 30-year bonds last week.

"The economy is obviously doiog pretty darn good," Mr. Marshall, who manages a \$2 billion portfolio, said. "I doo't think this rally is going to hold. I still think the bond hits 6.5 percent before it hits 6 percent.

Darwin Beck, an economist at CS First Boston, agreed. He said the rise in durable goods orders. along with data oo personal income and spending, indicated the economy would retain much of its momentum into 1994.

CS First Boston forecast the economy would grow at an annual rate of 4.5 percent in this quarter, the fastest since 5.7 percent in the 1992 fourth quarter. In the first quarter of 1994, growth will be about 2.8 percent annually, Mr. Beck predicted. (UPI, Bloomberg)

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Dec. 27 - Dec. 31

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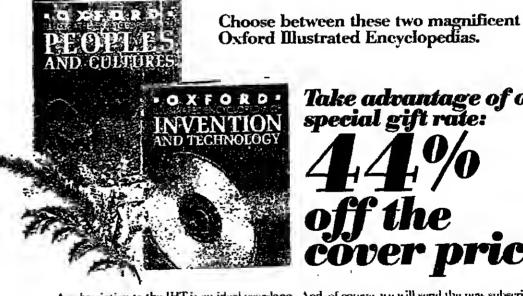
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has kept the future up for grabs. There is no question, though, that U.S. vendors have brought that U.S. wendors have brought worldwide pricing and technology standards—and a fair bit of chaos—to a stodgy backwater.

Japan has lagged the United States in personal computers, held back largely by the custom of writing thousands of complex kamicharacters by hand. Today, while there is a PC for every 2.4 U.S. workers, International Data Corp.

estimated, there is only one for every 10 workers in Japan.
As many as a fifth of the personal

computers sold in Japan in 1993 will be of a IBM-compatible variety. More than two dozen PC makers

WORLD STOCKS IN REVIEW

Amsterdam

Stocks extended their rally last week, the CBS all share index closing at 278.60 points, a record, up from 272.6 points at the previous

week's close. Apart from the financial sector. the market moved broadly higher. Relatively high gains were achieved by publishers. Elsevier was up more than 8 percent at 180.90 guilders, VNU added almost 7 percent to close at 170.00.

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The DAX spot trend indicator ended on Thursday at a record 2 222 89 points, up 3.34 percent from the previous Friday close.

Traders said the market had been expecting a rise beyond the 2.200-point mark, which finally came on Thursday, thanks in a throng of German and foreign in-vestors beefing up their portfolios before the end of the year.

The Frankfurt market has advanced by almost 40 percent for 1993 as a whole, and investors expect another good rise in 1994.

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The Hang Seng index leaped 4.5 percent last week, rising 470.98 points, to at a record 11.039.84 on

Friday. Average daily turnover amounted to 8.379 billion Hong Kong dol-, down from the previous week's 11.600 billion Hong Kong dollars.

London

change T-SE index rose by 75.2 tion in Germany, which encourpoints last week, to a record close The Financial Times-Stock Exof 3,412.3 points, after touching an all-time high of 3,412.4 points in

earlier trading. Dealers pushed shares higher, with the index boosted by confident remarks by Prime Minister John Major, hopes for a good start to 1994 and continuing hopes for a cut in interest rates in the new year.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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Adoption of an auterity budget for 1994 boosted Milan shares last week in a week cut to four days by the Christmas boliday.

The Mibtel index gained 113 points, or 1.8 percent, to finish the week at 10.719. Fiat gained 0.90 percent, Gener-

ali was 0.53 percent stronger, Olivetti added 1.77 percent and Pirelli was up 1.84 percent.

The CAC-40 index gained 2.5 percent on the week to finish at a record high of 2.251.48 points, boosted by signs of slowing inflatary policy from the Bundesbank early next year.

Shares were also lifted by a 0.7 percent fall in industrial production and a 1.4 percent fall in manufacturing output for October.

Singapore

The blue-chip Straits Times Industrials index climbed 46.52 pints, to close the week at a record 2,326.78 points. The broader-based SES All-Singapore index climbed 8.44 points, in 610.06 points. Trading curbs imposed by a few led the way higher.

Dec 23

Tokyo

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stock broking houses to restrict speculative buying and the dip in the Tokyo market dampened market ents early in the week, dealers

Tokyo

Prices lost ground last week, with investors concerned about political instability amid rumors of a disolution of parliament and fresh elec-

tions in January. The Nikkei Stock Average of 225selected issues in the major first section fell 910.8 points, or 5.3 percent, to 17,141.11 points after rising 794.48 points the previous week.

Zurich

Singapore

The Swiss Performance Index closed at 1,868.47, up 51.49 points from the previous week.

The market was led higher buoyant trading in financial fu-

tures as investors banked on a significant upturn in Swiss company earnings in 1994 and a Europe wide round of interest rate cuts. Banks are expected to benefit from both developments and they

400 Firms **Under Thai** Tax Scrutiny

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches BANGKOK - Police are inves-

tigating more than 400 compani on suspicion of using a tax-fraud "service" that cost the government \$800,000 in revenue, a newspaper reported Sunday. An officer, Pipop na Ranong,

said the investigation followed the arrests Friday of three people who allegedly were offering to falsify data on tax forms for a fee, the newspaper The Nation reported. About 400 companies had used the service over the last two years, the officer said. The police said the

least 20 million baht (\$800,000) in value-added taxes. investigators said they believed government Revenue Department officials may have collaborated with the three suspects.

swindle had cost the government at

If convicted of fraud, the three could face as much as seven years in prison and 200,000 baht in fines. Separately, Thailand's top investigator of economic crimes said stock manipulation, false financial reports and other white-collar crime drained an estimated 40 billion bahit from the economy this year.

The Banckok Post on Saturday quoted the commander of the police department's economic crime inves-tigation division. Vathin Khamsongsri, as saying more than 30 alleged manipulators had been arrest-ed this year in an effort to end corruption on the Stock Exchange.

Share-price manipulation and falsification of financial reports cost the Thai stock market 33.5 billion baht between Oct. 1, 1992, and Dec. 15, 1993, Mr. Vathin was quoted as saying. (AP, UPI)

SHORT COVER

Kobe Steel to Cut 15% of Workers

TOKYO (Bloomberg) — Kobe Steel Ltd. will reduce its work force by 3,000, or 15 percent, by March 1996 to cope with the shump in demand for steel, the newspaper Nihon Keizai reported Saturday.

Kobe earlier planned to cut only 1,900 of its 20,200 jobs, the report said. It did not say how the cuts would be carried out. Japanese companies typically trim staff via attrition and transfers to affiliated companies.

Isuzu Forecasts Current-Year Profit

TOKYO - Isuzu Motors Ltd.'s pretax loss narrowed 57 percent, to 10.2 billion yen (\$92.2 million), in the year ended in October, and the truck maker forecast a return to profit in the current year.

Isuzu, an affiliate of General Motors Corp. of the United States, on Friday predicted pretax profit of 1 billion yen for the current year, despite expecting an 8 billion yen loss in the first balf, ending in April.

America West Says It Has New Offer

PHOENIX, Arizona (Combined Dispatches) — America West Air-lines said it had received a preliminary offer from the Steinhardt Group, a New York-based investment fund, to invest as much as \$250 million in the airline in return for an equity stake of as much as 80 percent.

America West Chairman W.A. Franke said the offer was a vote of confidence in the company's reorganization plan. A separate offer of a \$150 million injection was withdrawn earlier in the week. The company is operating under bankruptcy-court protection.

(AP, Knight-Ridder)

JWP Says Involuntary Petition Filed

RYE BROOK, New York (Bloomberg) — JWP Inc. said an involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition had been filed against it by three holders of its 7.75 percent convertible subordinated debentures. nomers of its 1.75 percent convertible subordinated dependings.

The filing, announced Thursday, comes more than two months after the electrical and mechanical services contractor said it planned to file by year-end a petition under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code to restructure almost \$500 million of debt.

JWP said it intended to convert the filing to a voluntary proceeding and expressed to convert the filing to a voluntary proceeding.

and expected to complete its bankruptcy law proceedings by March 31.

For the Record

Japan said it would suspend a project with Boeing Co. to develop a new: The newspaper gave no further de-assenger aircraft because there appeared to be little demand for the tails, and Daimler-Benz executives (AP)

Australian Mutual Provident Society, Australia's biggest life insurer, said it would expand operations in Asia through a joint venture with Panin Life Insurance Co. of Indonesia.

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Daimler Set For Listing In China

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches BONN - Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest automaker, will become the first foreign company to list shares on the Shanghai stock exchange, a Daimler executive said in an interview published Sunday. Daimler's cine financial officer, Gerhardt Liener, told the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag that China had agreed to alter its regulations to allow Daimler's shares to trade "according to the usual inter-

He said the listing was expected to occur in the second half of 1994. The Dannier shares would be traded in the form of depository receipts. The automotive, acrospace and electrical engineering conglomer-aie also plans to list its shares in Singapore, Mr. Liener said.

ther-Benz this month posted a loss of 2.05 billion Dentsche marks (\$1.21 billion) for the first mine months of 1993. It also has announced plans to cut tens of thou-sands of jobs to assist its turnaround and has said it could not guarantee it would maintain its dividend for 1993 at the previous year's level.

Mr. Liener said the move to the Shanghai bourse had become possible because China was doing away with what he called extremely restrictive securities regulations.
He said the most important regu-

latory change concerned capital transfers in convertible currency. were not available for comment. Daimler executives had said pre

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Russian Gangs Threaten Families to Extort Cash From NHL Players

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service NEW YORK —National Hockey League players with ties to the former Soviet Union are being pressured by Russian gangaters running protection rackets to pay money to guarantee the safety of their families, according to several

Mike Smith, the general manager of the Winnipeg. Jets, has said he knows of at least one player drafted by his team who was "roughed up" in Russia by mea who he believes to he members of organized crime

Smith, one of the NHL's experts on Russian hockey affairs, said that "it's a huge problem" and that many Russian players want to move their families to North America to keep them from being harmed or threatened with harm in their homeland.

"It affects any Russian citizen who goes to the West and has hard currency," Smith said. "That's how the hockey players get tied in. People know they have money. There have been NHL players who have been roughed up. One of our drafted players in junior hockey was roughed up and he's not the only one. I've talked to a number of

police agencies about it. Our Russian players here in Winnipeg now want to make their homes here. They don't want to go home except for short visits."

Asked to name the players who have been victims of violence or threats, Smith declined. He, along with several other people inter-viewed for this article, expressed concern for the well-being of the

of La Presse, a Montreal newspaper, said Vyacheslay Fetisov of the New Jersey Devils had paid money to gangsters to insure the safety of his family. Fetisov's agent said that he knew of no such payments but that he had heard of other players who have been threatened.

Don Maloney, the general man-ager of the New York Islanders, said that reports of the intimidation of Russian players had been circulating for months among general managers and that the sametion had been formally discussed at

league meetings.
"We're well aware of it," Maloney said. "A lot of teams have had problems. There have been problems with players in Los Angoles, Vanconver and Boston, Things are bad over in Russia, People try to extort money and threaten fam- will be amounced Monday.

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ily members. Players have been ha-rassed and bothered. There have been threats and demands for payment, the whole works, the Russ Mafia. Everybody is aware of it. It is not a good situation."

Maloney said he spoke to two Islanders from the former Soviet Union, Darius Kasparaitis and Vladimir Malakhov, about the problem and they told him they hadn't been bothered. But Maloney added that he was concerned that players would be reluctant to report such threats, even to team anthorities. Other general managers interviewed expressed the same

COLCETA: Kasparaitis, a defenseman, said he heard rumors of protection rackets last summer when he visited Moscow. Kasparaitis, who is from Lithuania, said he wasn't worried about being harmed or about pay-

me, 'Watch out for the Mafia,' and that they will say, 'You make all this money now. Give us some.' "Asked why he isn't worried, Kasparaitis said, "I know a couple of guys myself who are gangsters and they said 'Don't worry about it.' "Mark Gandler, the New Jersey-based agent for Kasparaitis, said that he didn't believe the stories that he didn't believe the stories that he didn't believe the stories and that reporting them will only "give people ideas." Gandler represents "about 25" players from the former Soviet Union who are now working in the league. "This is a dangerous topic," he said. "It's very irresponsible. It will make families warry."

families worry."
But Vladimir Zlobinsky, the agent for Fetisov, said, "It's some-thing that is generally known. I'm

victim, Ziobinsky said: "I am not a statement aware of any specific incident with Fetisov, but I know it is a general of the Lar Any problem." Asked to name specific players who have been targets, he said: "It's hearsay, and I'd rather not use the names."

Another prominent agent, who spoke on condition that he not be named, said he had heard that the brother of a player was beaten in Russia and the player was told to pay one gang in protect his family from another gang.

An NHL executive who spoke on

the condition that he not be named said the league security nifice is Los Angeles Police Department is known to be investigating at least one suspected case of intimidation.

· Helene Elliott and Lisa Dilimar. of the Los Angeles Times reported: The Vancouver Province newspaper bas quoted city police sources as saving Canuck winger Pavel Bure has been a target of organized crime groups and has made two payments to a man who had befriended Russian players. Bure's father, Vladimir, and the Canucks' general manager, Pat Quinn, denied any money had changed hands.

The Province also cited an unsaid the league security office is confirmed report that defenseman aware of the situation and that the Alexei Zhiunk of the Los Angeles Kings had been physically harmed by gang members.

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transpired because it involves the afraid." authorities. There are elements I can't talk about. What I can say, is

he says he was not roughed up." Without specifically addressing the issue of extortion, forward Vitali Karamnov of the St. Louis Blues acknowledged that he fears the burgeoning criminal element in Russia, where hard currency particularly the dollar - is highly

"When I was in Russia this summer, I don't have problem," he said. "I am afraid because lnts nf businessmen ... Why, because I homeland and that "if I go back, bave money. And in Russia there the Mafia will want to cash in." are lots of criminals now.

Maybe, I don't know. Every day in give extortionists expensive gifts to world figures.

"I heard that the Mafia wants \$10,000 to protect your family," there." said that the league is aware of the article in the Montreal newspaper. Kasparaitis said. "People say to me, "Watch out for the Mafia," and victim, Zlobinsky said: "I am not a statement.

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> Fifty-two players from Russia. two from Latvia, one from Lithuania and four from Ukraine have played at least two games in the NHL this season. Their salaries, while generally below the \$520,000 league-wide average of a month ago, would exceed those of most of their compatriots and make them potential targets for extortion or

A prominent player told friends recently he had been approached by gangsters before leaving his

He also said that when he played

"If I promised them a radio, now The player would not permit his name to be used in published re-

ports, for fear of retaliation. Ron Salcer, an agent who repre sents Bure and Zhitnik, refused to confirm or deny whether his clients or their families had been victim-

"I don't feel comfortable commenting on it." Salcer said. "It's not a topic I'd like to discuss. There's a lot of problems there -

One general manager said that, because of potential danger, scouts for NHL clubs are now keery of traveling in Russia and dealing with Russian leagues, which are "Maybe this summer I stay here. in the then-Soviet Union, he had to supposedly controlled by under-

All-Star Team Set for East

TORONTO - Montreal goaltender Patrick Roy will make his fifth straight start and Boston de-fenseman Ray Bourque his 13th ap-pearance in the NHL All-Star Game.

Bourque was the leading votegetter for the Eastern Conference for the third time, while Philadelphia's Eric Lindros beat out Pitts-burgh's Mario Lemieux, who has an injured back, as the starting cen-

A report in Thursday's editions
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I La Presse, a Montreal newspacr, said Vyachesiay Fetisov of the
New York Rangers the other starting defensemen for the East. Bourque, who received 227,601 votes, has been chosen in a starting

position in all eight All-Star games since fan balloting began in 1986. Lindros collected 132,622 votes in beating Lemieux (120,675) and carning his first starting position in the Jan. 22 game at Madison Square Garden. Roy received 213,452 votes, Leetch 176,129, Jagr 209,147 and Mogilny 186,800.

Leetch will be playing in the fourth All-Star game of his career, lagr will be making his third All-Star appearance, all as a starter, and Mogilny also will be playing in his third game and first as a starter. The Western Conference team



Claude Lemieux, who got an up-close and umpleasant look at Drake Bereshowsky, scored two power-play goals as the New Jersey Devils beat the struggling Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-2. Vyacheslav Fetisov of the Devils reportedly has paid money to gangsters to insure the safety of his family.

Drug Testers Pay a Surprise Visit To China's Top Women Runners

BEIJING - The Chinese women distance runners who surprised give the results of the tests. the track world with record-breaking times earlier this year have themselves been surprised by being given unannounced drug tests.

A team sent by track's governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, flew into northern Lianning Province last week to administer the tests to the women runners, including Wang Junxia, who set the world record for the 10,000 meters and 3,000

The official Xinhua news agency, which reported the visit, did not

But none of the women distance runners who reneatedly shattered world records was on a list of drug users issued by the Chinese Olym-

The women's performances during the year led in suspicion they used performance-enhancing drugs, a claim heatedly denied by

pic Anti-Drug Committee.

Xinhua did report that 24 ath-

weightlifting world record holder, tested positive for use of perfor-

Among the athletes who tested positive during the year were Xing Fen, the weightlifter who won a gold medal at the 1990 Asian Games, and shotputter Zhou Tianhua. Xinhua said.

"As soon as we discovered our athletes taking illegal performanceenhancing drugs, we would punish them strictly." Yang Tianle, letes, including a former women's mittee, was quoted as saving,

ATP Refutes Becker: A 'Clean Slate'

FRANKFURT - A story in a German newspaper quoting Boris Becker as saying that some players on the ATP Tnur were getting away with drug use drew a quick and negative response from a top tour

The report, published in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, quoted the three-time Wimbledon champinn from Germany as saying that it was a "jnke" that no tennis player had been punished for drug abuse

by the ATP.

among amateur and professional sports bodies around the world," said Mark Miles, chief executive of the tennis season was so long and

events this year and that, overall. the top 20 men's singles players cle. were tested, 17 more than once.

Among singles players ranked Nn. 21 to Nn. 100, 68 were tested, 46 more than nace, the ATP said.

mitment to maintaining an anti-doping program second to none top 20 were tested, 18 more than

Becker was quoted as saying that the ATP Tour. "We believe we have grueling that many players needed drugs to get through it, although he elean slate."

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The ATP said it tested at nine insisted he had nnt taken drugs.

"Why shouldn't there be doping 431 tests were conducted on 231 in a sport where there is so much players. The ATP said that 19 of money?" Becker asked in the arti-

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Phoenix Jolts Houston, 111-91

The Associated Press On a day when giving was the norm, the Phoenix Suns did the taking.

Kevin Johnson, who had 36 points and nine rebounds, said the real Suns showed up in a 111-91 Christmas Day victory over the visiting Houston Rockets, who had tied a National Basketball Association record with a 22-1 start before

losing two straight. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf bad scored 24 points and Reggie Williams 23 as the Denver Nuggets won, 106-93, on Thursday night to end their nine-game road losing streak and keep the Rockets from matching the 1969-70 New York Knicks' best-ever one-loss start in NBA history. That loss was the first in 11 bome games this season for

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Phoenix had beaten Seattle and then the Rockets after losing by 26 points at Denver on Tuesday. "The trademark of our team has

always been that if we play poorly or underachieve, we come back and play well," Johnson said.
The Suns' aggressive defense

stapped Hauston's perimeter game, and Phoenix neutralized its height disadvantage by outre-bounding the Rockets. 53-35.

Charles Barkley tied his season high with 38 points and had 18 rebounds, and A.C. Green collected 14 rebounds. He also scored seven of his 17 points in the final

Hakeem Olajuwon had 27 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, and 13 rebounds for the Rockets,

without a point early in the fourth

The dominating center started the run with a basket and finished

quarter and Olajuwon led a 12-0

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

it with a three-point play, shaving the deficit to 88-82 with 7:10 to go. But Barkley snapped his team out of its funk with an offensive rebound. Although he missed the layup, Barkley was fouled and made two free throws, and the Suns went on a 7-0 run to open breathing

Bulls 95, Magic 93: To make the game-winning shat. Toni Kukoc had to come up with a nifty impersonation of Scottie Pippen. But it was Pippen's even-nifuer impersonation of Michael Jordan that enabled Chicago, playing at home, to slip past Orlando and extend the

six assists and four steals. Even more than his all-court game, it was most sign Pippen's on-court leadership that schedule. revived memories of the just-re-tired Jordan and the Bulls' past Christmas glories. The Bulls have now won on the holiday four years

running. The victory, secured when the Magic's Nick Anderson failed to get off a shot before the buzzer, was made possible when Kukoc slashed ing. But it was Pippen who almost single-handedly assured the win the Bulls 13th in their last 14

■ Mays Avoid Setting Mark The New York-Atlanta and Denver-Houston games were fea-tured bouts, while the game between NBA doormats Dallas and Minnesota was like matching a pair

Hurley Leaves Hospital for Christmas

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California — Smiling faintly, a weakened, wheel-chair-bound Bobby Hurley left University Medical Center on Friday nearly twn weeks after his near-fatal automobile crash.

The 22-year-old point guard, a former two-time All-American at Duke and the Sacramento Kings' No. 1 draft pick, said one word as he left, softly answering "fine" to a reporter who asked how he felt.

Doctors said he may be able to return to the court next year, if he

and Robert Horry scored 20 points.

Barkley scored 13 points in the third period, helping the Suns to an 84-68 lead. But the Suns went 4:45

NBA's longest current winning of aging tankers on the undercard.

But, as far as the record book is concerned, the Mavericks 93-89 totaled 28 points, eight rebounds, victory over the Timberwolves on victory over the Timberwolves on Thursday night was perhaps the most significant event on a busy

> The triumph at Minnesota's Target Center snapped the Mavericks' NBA record-tying 20-game losing streak and raised their season record to 2-23, with the only other victory coming — you guessed it — against the hapless Timberwolves at the Target Center. "If we could play and work hard

through the lane and threw down a and play Minnesota every night, running left-hander that broke a we'd get a lot of victories," rookie 93-93 tie with two seconds remain— Jamai Mashburn said with a laugh. "But we can't play them every night."
The Mavericks avoided breaking

the single-season record they share with the Philadelphia 76ers, who lost 20 straight in 1972-73. Teams come in here and they feel they can win, said Minnesota's coach, Sidney Lowe, who ripped his players for being "un-coachable."

Earlier, the Knicks, behind the fourth-quarter shooting of Patrick Ewing and Habert Davis, survived an eight-point third period and mapped the Hawks' seven-game road winning streak, 84-75.

Ewing and Davis scored II points each during a 23-6 run that turned the game around. Ewing had 16 of his 28 points on 6-for-7 shooting in the fourth quarter after New York totaled just 26 points in the middle two periods.



Kentucky Nips Arizona

LAHAINA Hawaii - Jeff Brassow's

tip-in at the buzzer capped one of the wildest December games ever as No. 5 Kentucky beat No. 13 Arizona, 93-92. to win the Maui Invitational.

Khalid Reeves had given Arizona (8-1) a 92-91 lead with two free throws with 5.5 seconds to play Thursday night. He had that chance only after television replays had to be used to determine that the ball belonged to Arizona after a 35second shot clock violation by Kentocky with 9.6 seconds remaining.

Kentucky (7-1), out of timeonts, worked the ball downcount quickly and Rodrick Rhodes took a 3-pointer from the right side with just over a second remaining. It bounced off the rim and Brassow tapped it in from the left side, setting off a celebration that looked like an NCAA tournament night in March. Neither team led by more than three

points in the final eight minutes. Travis Ford had 25 points for Ken-

tucky, making seven 3-pointers, and was named fournament MVP.

Recess finished with 31 points and made all four 3-pointers he took in the second hill in scoring 26 points after haftime. His backcourt mate, Damon Stondamire, had 28 points, 21 in the first half when he made four 3-pointers.

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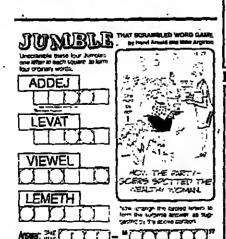


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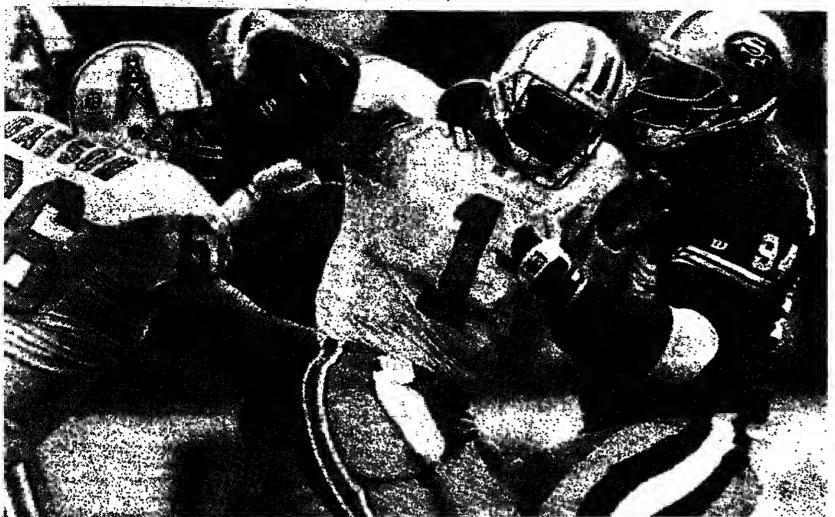
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GARFIELD



Packers Overwhelm Raiders to Gain First Playoff Berth Since 1982



Houston quarterback Warren Moon being wrestled to a standstill by San Francisco's Dana Stubblefield during an error-filled game that the Oilers held on to win, 10-7.

The Green Bay Packers returned to the NFC playoffs for the first time in 11 years with a numbing victory Sunday on another icy December afternoon at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Green Bay shut out the Los Angeles Raiders, 28-0, a win that coupled with Philadelphia's victory over New Orleans earned the Packers their first playoff berth since the strike-shortened 1982 season and first in a nonstrike year since 1972. The Packers (9-6), now assured

of a wild-card berth, can win their first NFC Central title since 1972 by beating the Lions next Sunday. Green Bay has put together back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1966-67 when it woo the first two Super Bowls.

Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe made some history of his own Sunday, becoming the first NFL receiver in have two 100-catch seasons when he grabbed a 26-yard pass from Brett Favre in the first QUARTET.

Sharpe, who set an NFL record with 108 catches last season, caught seven Sunday, including a 23-yarder from Favre to give the Packers a 14-0 lead in the third quarter. He oow has 106 receptions this

The Raiders (9-6), who lost quarterback Jeff Hostetler in a concussion in the third quarter, can still make the playoffs but will need to beat Denver next week to do so. Los Angeles quarterbacks were sacked eight times Sunday.

Players had trouble with the footing and catching the football.

The Packers finally cracked through the sub-zero wind chill at the end of the first half for a 7-0 lead on Edgar Bennett's 1-yard scoring run with 1:01 to go.

Lions 20, Bears 14: In Chicago.

Detroit rode the passing and run-ning of backups Erik Kramer and

NFL ROUNDUP

Eric Lynch to make it into the playoffs and end the Bears' chances for a playoff berth. Kramer, who completed 23 of 31

passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns, hit on 6-of-6 for 47 yards in the Lions' winning TD drive after the Bears had taken a 14-13 fourthquarter lead. The Lions (9-6) clinched at least

a wild card spot when Philadelphia defeated New Orleans 37-26. Detroit can win the NFC's Central Division by closing out the season with a victory over Green Bay next week at bome. They had won just one of their previous nine against the Bears (7-8) in Soldier Field.

The Bears took the lead with 10:21 remaining on a 1-yard dive by Jim Harbaugh, who completed 14-of-23 for 107 yards in the game.

But Kramer drove the Lions 80 yards in 12 plays for the winning TD. The Lions had only one thirddown situation during the drive and Lynch, a rookie from Grand Valley State, picked up 6 yards on that play.

Kramer's I-vard flip to rookie tight end Ty Hallock gave Detroit the Lions' defense forced the Bears

deal with tackle Jim Lachev and a

three-year contract with wide re-

ceiver Ricky Sanders. No terms

Free safety Eugene Robinson

(\$1.2 million over two years), line-

backer Terry Wooden and fullback

Tracy Johnson (both \$3 million

over three years) agreed to oew contracts with Seattle, while kicker

Chris Jacke agreed to a three-year

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Free safety Eddie Anderson and

kicker Jeff Jacger agreed to three-year extensions with the Los Ange-

les Raiders. Cornerback Terry

McDaniel also got a new deal.

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Atlanta Falcons negotiated con-

Meanwhile, the news was not

good for the Philadelphia Eagles, a

signing wide receiver Calvin Wil-

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winter wear. There were 5.025 no-shows.

Kramer had a 20-yard TD pass to Breii Perriman and Jason Han son kicked field goals of 40 and 37

yards for the Lions. Bills 16, Jets 14: The plot had two familiar elements: a cold day near the end of the season, and the New York Jets. The ending was the same: a division crown for the Buffalo Bills.

The Bills, who clinched three of their last four AFC East titles by beating the Jets. did it again Sun-

day in Orchard Park, New York. Steve Christie kicked three field goals to get Buffalo (11-4) into the playoffs for the sixth straight season. The Bills have won the last three AFC championships, only to lose io the Super Bowl each time.

The loss dropped the Jets to 8-7. Christie, who earlier hit from 38 and 36 yards, hit a 40-yarder with 3:48 left in the game to win it. New York's Cary Blanchard missed all three of his field goal attempts, including a 42-yarder with 53 seconds to play.

Boomer Esiason threw touchdown passes to Johnny Johnson, who had 175 total yards, and Chris Burkett.

Earles 37, Saints 26: The Philadelphia defense probably was playing together at home for the last time. Mike Buck was starting for the first time in the NFL. It was a bad combination for the New Orleans Saints.

Eric Allen returned two interceptions for touchdowns, tying an NFL record with four in a season, and Philadelphia's once-dominating defense gave a flashback to what used to be, setting up 26 of the Eagles' points.

The Saints, who started the season 5-0, fell to 7-8 and had their playoff hopes seriously damaged. The Eagles, who went from 4-0 in 7-8, also have a mathematical shot at the playoffs.

The Eagles defense already has lost Reggie White to free agency and may soon lose Clyde Simmons and Seth Joyner. But it sacked Buck for a safety and forced a critical fumble to key an 18-point second quarter that rallied Philadelphía from a 9-0 deficit.

Bengals 21, Falcons 17: In Cincinnati, David Klingler finished another career day with the biggest touchdown pass of his career.

Klingler threw a 6-yard touch-down pass to Carl Pickens — his career-best third of the game with one minute left to help the Bengals eliminate the Atlanta Falcons from playoff contectioo.

Kicker Gree Davis and the Phoc-The Bengals (3-12) drove 70 nix Cardinals agreed to a three-year deal for \$1.5 million, and linebackyards in eight plays for the winning er Darryl Talley and the Buffalo bled 26 yards to get into scoring Bills agreed to a two-year contract. range. Pickens ran a simple turn-Safety Anthony Newman agreed to around pattern in front of cornera two-year deal with the Los Angoles Rams and offensive lineman back Darnell Walker to get open for Cincinnati's second consecutive Carlton Haselrig got \$2.4 million

Atlanta (6-9) fell out of contentioo with consecuove losses to struggling teams - Washington and Cincinnati.

tract extensions with linebacker Jessie Tuggle and kicker Norm Johnson, but failed to reach new Patriots 38, Colts 0: New Engagreements with Pro Bowl guard land completed a three-week sweep of the AFC's worst teams, record-Chris Hintoo or wide receiver Michael Haynes. Pro Bowler Tuggle, who bad one ing their first shutout since 1927 with their defeat of Indianapolis. year remaining on his contract, agreed to a three-year extension.

It was New England's biggest margin of victory since a 56-3 win over the New York Jets on Sept. 9. 1979. The Patriots (4-11) have won only 13 games in the 1990s, and five have come against the Colts (4-11).

■ In a game played Saturday: Oilers 10, 49ers 7: In San Frantions prior to this season. The Eacisco, a meeting of the two highest-gles failed to re-sign defensive stalinto a mistake-prone, low-scoring affair as Houston won its 10th

> turnovers and remained in the race for the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

The 49ers (10-5) bad a 13-game regular season home winning streak end. They already have clinched the NFC West title and a first-round playoff bye.

Colorado Tops Aikman Gets \$50 Million Contract From Cowboys Fresno St. in By Frank Litsky Washington agreed to a five

Aloha Bowl

The Associated Press Rashaan Salaam scored three touchdowns and Colorado recycled four turnovers into 24 points as the 17th-ranked Buffaloes outscored Fresno State, 41-30, in the Aloha

Bowl in Honolulu. The Colorado onslaught offset a Trent Diller, who was 37-of-63 for 523 yards and two touchdowns Saturday. He was intercepted once, ending a string of 318 passes without being picked off.

ut being picked on.
Salaam, who rushed for 844 yards in mine games in the regular season, second on runs of 2, 40 and on 23 carries.

Gray 17, Blue 10: Kelvin Simcons, a late replacement for mjured Auburn quarterback Stan White, completed 16 of 25 passes for 171 yards and the Gray rallied with two fourth-quarter touchdowns less than a minute apart in the Blue-Gray all-star game in

Montgomery, Alabama. Simmons, from Troy State, set a Blue-Gray record by completingseven straight passes on a gametying drive early in the fourth quarter His three-yard scoring toss to Dorsey Levins of Georgia Tech made it 10-10 with 10:23 left.

Tulsa quarterback Gus Frerotte completed a 34-yard pass to Chris Penn to move the Blue to the Gray 49. But on the next play, Washington's Beno Bryant fumbled and Georgia's Greg Tremble scooped it up and ran 52 yards down the left sideline to the Blue 4 to set up a 'our-yard touchdown run by Mary-land's Mark Mason.

No. 19 Oklahoma 41, Texas Tech 10: Cale Gundy threw three touchdown passes as No. 19 Okiahoma posted a 41-10 victory over Texas. Tech in the John Hancock Bowl in

El Paso, Texas. Gundy completed 15 of 26 passes for 215 yards to dominate the Red Raiders. Gundy, the most prolific passer in Oklahoma history, set another school record for most passing TDs in a bowl game and was named the bowl's MVP.

By Frank Litsky New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Troy Aikman, the Dallas Cowboys 27-year-old quarterback, has agreed to an eight-year, \$50-million contract that will make him the highest-paid player in professional football history. The contract includes an immediate signing bonus of \$11 mil-

The agreement replaces the last two years of a contract that would passing display by Fresno State's have paid Aikman \$1.17 million this season and \$1.37 million next season, salaries that would have left him no higher than the 31st highest paid quarterback in a 28-team

Alkman's new contract calls for annual salaries of \$2.5 million in 1993, \$1.75 million in 1994, \$4.15 1996, \$5.25 million in 1997, \$6.2 million in 1998, \$6.75 million in 1999 and 57.5 million in 2000.

The agreement, reached Thursday in a telephone conversation between Jerry Jones, the Cowboys' owner, and Leigh Steinberg, the agent for Aikman, surpasses the \$26.75-million, five-year pact that Steinberg negotiated this year for Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers' quarterback. Aikman's annual average of \$6.25 million betters Young's high of \$5.35 million.

Thursday was the final day to rework existing contracts and in-clude some of the money in a 1993 contract. Next year, for the first time, NFL teams must operate un-

der a salary cap.

For example, \$1.33 of Aikman's \$50 million was added to his 1993 salary and is thus exempt from the cap. The \$11-million signing bonus must be prorated over the course of the contract, so \$1.375 million of that is assigned to 1993 and also exempt from the cap.

Aikman's average salary is not

the largest in team sports. Wavne Gretzy makes \$8.5 million yearly for the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League, Barry Bonds \$7.29 million for major league baseball's San Francisco Giants, and Larry Johnson \$7 million for the Charlotte Hornets of the National Basketball Association. The Cowboys' previous highest-paid player was Emmitt Smith, the



Quarterback Troy Alkman, with Jerry Jones, owner of the Cowboys, became the highest-paid player in professional football history.

last week, the Detroit Lions signed running back Barry Sanders for four years at an average of \$43 million a year, making him the

to make that kind of commitment, Aikman said, "is that the entire Dallas Cowboys organization has shown that it will do what has to be done to be competitive." This is the fifth pro season for

Aikman, a first-round draft choice from UCLA in 1989. He is a 6-foot, 4-inch, 222-pound pocket passer. in January, he led the Cowboys to a

running back whose new contract plane, said the negotiations were the league, if that would give him a will pay him \$13.6 million over four amicable but exhausting the plane, said the negotiations were the league, if that would give him a higher salary.

They went hard and long into "It's just a way of guarding Wide receiver John Taylor got

Wednesday night and Thursday morning" he said. "Jerry Jones the rest of his career. We said he highest-paid nonquarterback ever. should be the highest-paid player "One of the reasons I was willing and the Cowboys made it happen. and the Cowboys made it happen. We're just thrilled. It was difficult We're just thrilled. It was difficult equivalent of Dorothy and her because we were working against a lucky shoes," Steinberg said. "He deadline."

wouldn't let me take them off. He

worth more than \$50 million. If Aikman ranks among the NFL's top five in quarterback ratings or if he makes the Pro Bowl or if the Cowboys get to the National Conference championship game, a Super Bowl championship and was clause goes into effect over the last voted the game's most valuable two years of the contract. It assures him of being paid the average of the five highest-paid quarterbacks in liams, while the San Francisco

against changes," Steinberg said. Steinberg said that in the final wanted Troy to stay a Cowboy for days of the on-and-off negotiations. Aikman mailed him a pair of black boots. "He said they were the western

Actually, the contract may be made me promise I would negoti-worth more than \$50 million. If are with my boots on, and I did." On the final day to keep at

> least some money from counting against the cap, several other contracts were signed, The Associated

\$7.74 million for four years, and tight end Brent Jones \$6.95 million over four years, cornerback Eric Davis signed for \$2.4 million over two years, safety Merton Hanks signed for \$2.8 million for three years, guard Derrick Deese received \$622,000 over two years, safety Damien Russell \$920,000 \$687,500 over three years and de-fensive end Karl Wilson \$855,000 over two years. These deals all included 1993.

Running back Johnny Johnson liams, center Dave Alexander, run-and the New York Jets agreed to a \$5 million, two-year deal with a cornerbacks Mark McMillian and

Johnson, in the final year of his contract, got a two-year extension. Wide receiver John Taylor got Terms of the contracts were not

team already burt by player defecwarts Clyde Simmons and Seth Last week, Simmons, a defensive over three years, guard Ralph end, rejected an \$11 million, four-Tamm \$3.1 million over three year offer. Joyner, a linebacker, Francisco in scoring, got just years, wide receiver Nate Singleton turned down \$10 million for four enough offense to overcome three years. Both are eligible for free The Eagles were successful in

club option for 1996.

Brindabella Takes Lead In Sydney-Hobart Race

SYDNEY — The favorite, Brin- there was less breeze. dabella, got off to a hrilliant start Sunday in the 49th Sydney-to-Ho-bart race and forged out of Sydney Harbor six minutes ahead of pocket maxi Hammer of Queensland. Tacking inm the face of a fresh-ening 15 knot northeaster. Brinda-

bella took only 12 minutes to reach the heads and quickly hoisted a spinnaker to take advantage of the tail wind before strong southerly headwinds hit the ficet. Forecasters predicted one of the

toughest races ever, with gale force headwinds up to 40 to 50 knots. "It doesn't look good. It could be the worst Sydney-to-Hobart ever," said forecaster Rodger Badaman. The worse race on record was in 1984 when one crewman was killed

and 104 of the 150 boats retired. Hammer of Queensland, now in its ninth Sydney-to-Hobart, per-Sydney-to-Hobart is the seventh formed exceptionally well in the race. freshening headwind to edge past the second favorite. Amazon, and was second out of the harbor.

Race veteran Ragamuffin was fourth after being forced to tack across to the southern shore where

Many of the smaller boats were considering charting a course well out to sea in an attempt to sail around the bad weather. But George Snow, owner of the

22.9-meter (75-foot) Brindabella still believed he had a chance of breaking the 18-year race record. Race sponsor Kodak is offering 100,000 Australian dollars (\$60,000) in the yacht breaking the

record of 2 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes, 56 seconds set by the American maxi ketch Kialoa in 1975. Brindabella, launched only three months ago, took line honors by 16 hours in its inaugural outing, the 408-mile Gosford-to-Lord Howe.

against the wind. It also took line honors in all six races in the seven-race Southern Cross Cup series last week. The

New Morning II was forced to

retire four minutes into the race when she broke a mast after a collisioo. That left 104 boats in the

SIDELINES

Times of World Cup Matches Changed

ZURICH (AP) — After consultations with television networks, FIFA has changed the starting times for three first-round matches in the 1994

World Cup.

The June 23 match between Italy and Norway at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, was moved to 2000 GMT from 2300, and the match between Bolivia and South Korea at Foxboro Stadium, near caton, was moved to 2330 from 2000.

The June 25 match between Saudi Arabia and Morocco at Giants Stadium was moved to 1630 from 2300. Colombia World Cup player Carlos Munoz was killed Saturday night in anto accident near Guayaquil, police said.

(AFP)

Cuba Says No to Playing in Japan

MEXICO CTIY (AP) — The world's greatest impaid baseball players apparently aren't yet ready to start playing for pay.

Cuba's commissioner of baseball, Domingo Zabala, according to the government's Pressa Latina news agency, said that "for the moment, there are no possibilities or plans" for two Cubans to play in the Japanese leagues next was

leagues next year.

Leany Dykstra, who bit 438 with four homers and eight RBIs in the World Series loss to Toxonso, has tentatively agreed to a \$24.9 million, four-year contract extension that runs through 1998 and will make him the highest-paid player in Philadelphia Phillies history.

For the Record

English soccer's governing body, citing insufficient evidence, said it will not charge Wimbledon striker John Fasham over an elbow incident will not charge Wimbledon striker John Fasham over an elbow incident (AP) has nearly blinded Tottenham captam Gary Mabbutt.

Va'niga Taigannda, the New Zealand winger who is probably the most popular member of the All Black team, has made the switch to professional rugby by signing a contract with English league champion Wigan. The contract was reported to be worth about £400,000 (\$600,000) over 4½ years.



Yachts tacking for shifting winds battled for position as the Sydney-to-Hobart race began. They face gale force winds in the days ahead.

PARIS — lo France the boliday season is one long bouffe with food stores open late seven days a week so people can buy their oysters, capons, chestnuts, lobsters, chocolates, pates, pineapples and buffalo steaks. Well, not

a lot of buffalo steaks. Not yet. But Albert Defois, in the west of France, will be eating steack de bison, while in Alsace, Francis and Marie-Paule

MARY BLUME

Riff will be stewing it into a civet. Jacques de la Salle, who lives in the center, between Pointers and Limoges, will sit down to a nice buffalo roast and so will Xavier Denis in Dieppe, though his will be a filet enhanced by fole gras.

These Prench men and women are pioneering buffalo. or bison, breeders. There are only about 20 in France, but in the French manner there are already two rival breeders' associations. With the exception of Xavier Denis, who is a fish tycoon, they tend to be cattle breeders who from 1990 began importing North American buffalo with the hope of

a profitable spin-off in novelty meat.
It is slow going: the French, blessed with a suberb native cuisine, are suspicious of new foods. "Still," says Francis Riff, "this is our third holiday season and each year there is progress."

The Bison bonasus or European bison, a woods animal which lives only incidentally on grass, was an important food animal from prehistoric times and, according to Waverley Ront, was found in Switzerland until the 11th century, in France until the 15th, and in Transylvania until the 18th. A few survive in Poland.

The animal that provides food today is the Bison amerinus, a grazing animal known in North America as the Plains buffalo (it was the English, who inaccurately and indelibly, called the bisoo buffaloes when they first saw them what is now Washington, D. C. in 1612).

Incredibly plentiful - there were 60 million head when the white man reached America - the bison was so heedlessly slaughtered that the small number now left, about 135,000, is protected by conservacionists.

10 Colorado alone, there are now about 55 buffalo

ranches, according to The New York Times, and some 1,000 oationwide, the most famous rancher being Ted Turner with 4,000 bead. On the grounds that animals that are eated do not become extinct, the buffalo meat industry is taking off nicely in the United States, aided by research showing that buffalo is lower in cholesterol, calories and fat than the usual table meats, poultry and even some fish. A Denver restaurant features Buffalo Teriyaki, Buffalo

Kebab, Buffalo Ravioli, Buffalo Bratwurst and Buffalo Dogs. In New York, a well-known restaurant called An American Place, offers Buffalo Carpaccio for \$9.50. "It is an expensive item, so to keep the price down we serve it as an appetizer," says the restaurant's manager. Kevin Dwyer, Buffalo, he says, can be cooked in all ways beef can, "It's much leaner and has a slightly sweeter taste.

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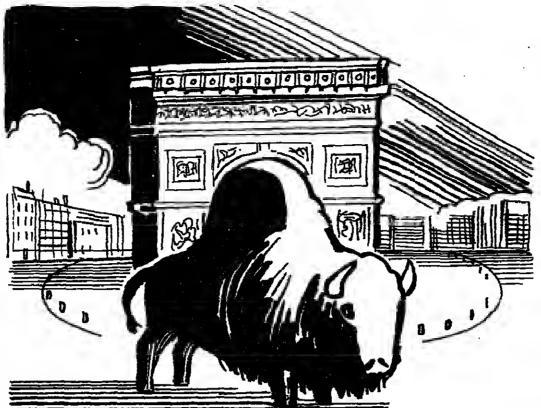
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It's really very good." Although one French breeder, requesting anonymity, says be wouldn't cross the street for a buffalo steak, customers who have tasted the meat like it. "They expect it to be tough and strong in flavor, while in fact it is tender and delicate." Xavier Denis says, The problem is that in France buffalo steak costs a whopping 150 to 200 francs

The animals, imported from Canada because Freoch



law forbids American imports, cost a great deal more than beef, four times as much, Xavier Denis says, and they reproduce with some difficulty in France.

"One trouble is that a vet can't get near them if it's a difficult birth," Marie-Paule Riff says. Jacques de la Salle wonders if France's mild climate is less efficient at immunizing the animals against disease than the Canadian

De la Salle seils his meat to the Galeries Lafayette but most of the breeders sell locally to butchers, resumants and private customers. "We have no marketing campaigns, it is all word of mouth," Francis Riff says. The Riffs, whose main occupation is breeding Charolais

cattle, sell their buffalo meat in Strasbourg but not over the border in Germany.

"The German is materialistic, be wants a big car and spends nothing on food," Marie-Paule Riff says. Yet there are bison breeders in Germany, "It's oot for food, it's im hobby," Francis Riff says.

Like the Germans, the French have a passion for le far ouest and Albert Defois thinks this might account for some of the local interest in bison. He hasn't given his animals Indian names - he has a male called Titi and a female called Romaine — but be does have on his staff a peau rouge named Olson who was raised in South Dakota and who in summer takes visiting children through the tenees Defois has built on part of his land.

"The bison is part of a myth. It means space, the Far West, a product that is already fixed in the imagination, de La Salle says. But the western image isn't yet part of the breeders' strategy because they have no strategy.

because we figured that the people questioned would say anything at all," says de La Salle. "The one thing we do know is that various studies have shown that there will be an interest in exotic food products by the year 2000 and we see bison as an exotic food product like the alligator or the

Most of the breeders seem to think it will take the buffalo another six or eight years to become a normal plat du jour. In the meantime, the ostrich seems to have stolen a march on the bumpbacked cow, as Colorado called bison when he first saw them in Texas in the 16th century.

Ostrich meat, even costlier than bison, is sold in purplish gobbets at a top Paris and is available in steaks at the Mocoprix chain stores. Free recipes are offered for Ostrich Steak with Five Peppers and Ostrich Filet a Porange.

Like buffalo, ostricb meat is said to be low in chloresterol. As for its flavor, a panel of experts in Britain, where ostrich breeding is also taking off, was polite. The food critic of The Times detected a slightly metallic aftertaste but made a summary of impressive diplomacy: "It is more like beef than the flesh of any fowl I have ever tasted," he

LANGUAGE

Studying the Shadings of Meanings

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Synonymy — the study of shadings of meaning, the fine distinctions be tween words that carry similar but not the same import — is alive and well at the White House. John B. Judis of The New Republic was interview-

ing Robert Rubin, the languid dynamo who is President Clinton's economic coordinator. "When I asked Rubin where he got his political

views," Judis wrote, "he winced at the vagueness of the term views. Rubin is sensitive to words and phrases the way a sectarian is to creeds. . . . It's a kind of fussiness, but also part of his deadpan earnesmess and

The reporter tried opinions, sentiments and finally he didn't have a thesaurus in his pocket —sensibilities. "Sensibilities is a good word," Rubin allowed, and proceeded to give the sources of his mind-set. Here is my opinion about a group of words that deal

with judgments we make about what we think is true. By opinion, I mean my own conclusion about the rightness of anything, which I am well aware may not be yours. My view is even more personal — the way I see a possible truth from inside my own head — and is applied mostly to public issues. My judgment is more deliberative, suggesting much chin-pulling in arriving at a position — quite unlike sentiment ("Them's my sentiments exactly"), which rests in an emotional response. My belief — which can be tentatively held or profoundly a matter of faith — is more certain about truth than an opinion, far more sure than my impression, though not as certain as my conviction.

Where does sensibility lit in? To the roots: opinion comes from the Latin opinari, "to think"; view from videre, "to see", sentiment from sentire, "to feel." Sensibility deals with that last sense, of the senses; its complex meaning is "awareness of

and responsiveness to the emotions of others."

Before she wrote "Pride and Prejudice," the novelis Jane Austen wrote "Sense and Sensibility" in 1811. She used sensibility as a synonym for sentimentality, which she attacked as emotional shallowness; in her alliterative title, she contrasts the weak emotion of

sensibility with plain good sense.

In current use, sensibility is often defined as "the ability to receive sensations." But it often carries a negative connotation, usually in the plural - "it offended his sensibilities" — of excessive sensitivity.

"The buck stops here" was the sign on Harry Truman's desk, cited then and since as evidence of a willingness to accept responsibility for making decisions. President Jimmy Carter also displayed the motto in his office. When Attorney General Janet Reno used the buck-stops-here phrase on television after the disastrons storming of a redoubt near Waco, Texas, her operational blunder was transformed into a public

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In lexicographical endeavors, I have described the buck stops here as a poker-playing phrase. The buck, a marker to show which player next had the deal, could be passed on to the next player if the one possessing the marker did not want the responsibility of dealing. (That marker was often a silver dollar, which is how the dollar came to be known as the buck.)

Comes now Daniel Patrick Moynihan, currently a senator but a Former Naval Person, with an alternative theory. "On the matter of the buck: I am sure you are right about the usage in poker." he writes, "but surely there is a naval source as well. On a big ship with a large wardroom, a small doodad of whatever sort moves down the table day-by-day from one seat to the next. The officer where the buck has stopped gets served first

that day. Correspondingly, the next day he is last.

"To say 'the buck stops here," Moynihan concludes, "is to say I get fed first."

Only a steadfast devotion to the fruth drives Senator Moynihan to report this alternative enymology, which leads to a variant meaning. Pity to introduce ambiguity here; the other meaning seemed so decisive.

We have to take our communities back," President Clinton said, and then used a familiar construction:

And speech writer by speech writer. The Clinton usage caused Ed McNally, a member of the Judson Welliver Society of former White House speech writers, to suggest this president be given "the Joe Biden award" for heavy lifting in recollection of the 1988 attack on that presidential candidate for rhetorical

McNally cites this speech by President George Bush on Sept. 5, 1990, in which I suspect he may have had a hand: "Block by block. School by school: Child by child. We will 'Take Back the Streets' And we will

Students of oratory know that was based on Winston Churchill's 1940 Dankirk speech: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall

we shall right in the hears and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills, we shall never surrender."

Before crediting Churchill as the originator of the step-by-step defense, do you suppose that master of the spoken word recalled the phrasing of Georges Clemencean's defiance in 1918: "I shall fight in front of Paris, within Paris, behind Paris." Clemencean himself was paraphrasing the words of Marshal Ferdinand Foch about Amiers.

So much for rhetorical roots to the Bush refusal to give in; what about the derivation of the "child by

child construction? In 1709, The Tatler in England applied the device to the military, advising generals to "Draw out Company by Company, and Troop by Troop," which was more widely understood than the military "in detail." Chancer, in 1392, introduced the formula of using

the same noun in English to precede and follow the prepositional connector by with "to follow word by We'll get to the ultimate source. Little by little.

Quotation by quotation. We will (shall is stronger) never surrender.

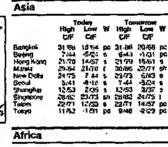
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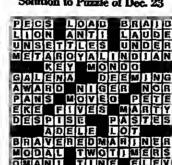
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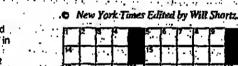
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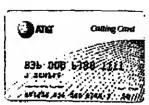
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